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Our Ottawa Letter

Main estimates said to be up—Smuggling probe will cost half million—Rural credits and H.B. Railway considered—Alberta coal for Ontario

By H. E. M. Chisholm

OTTAWA, Ont., March 13.—After a week's collaboration with the Progressives, the government has made substantial progress in preparing its sessional program, which, in substantiation of its pledges contained in the Speech from the Throne, will be brought down without further delay.

The estimates, by which the extent of sessional program may be gauged, will be ready for presentation to parliament on Tuesday. Despite the effort to economize in every direction, the main estimates are said to exceed last year's figures by about $5,000,000. This excess is due in large measure to financial provision for the next legislation so long demanded by the West, and for the re-voting of some of last year's estimates not utilized.

The definite realization of the West's dream of the completion of the Hudson Bay Railway, is indicated by the inclusion of one item, in excess of $1,000,000, for the resumption of work on the road. Initial capital will also be provided for the rural credit scheme, which will be brought down some time next week, and for the expenses of establishing the Old Age Pensions plan.

Expensive Smuggling Quiz

The battling speech on smugglers and smuggling, made by Hon. Harry Stevens, in the House of Commons, is likely to cost the country about $500,000, this sum, it is estimated, being necessary to cover the cost of the enquiry which the Stevens' charges precipitated. Whether the money will be well spent or not remains to be seen, but Mr. Stevens himself has taken no chances on his own $4,000 a year. He did not make the charges on his responsibility as a member of parliament.

In addition to expensive counsel, there are 14 skilled auditors employed at a cost much in excess of $1.10 a day, and before the enquiry is completed the cost will have mounted very high. So far the enquiry has revealed nothing that was not contained in the Duncan report, the contents of which are said to have been filched and handed over to the Merchants' Protective Association for use by the Conservatives.

While most of the members of parliament took the recess, as a holiday, Robert Forke, Progressive chieftain; Henry Spencer, his whip; E. J. Garland, Robert Gardiner, John Evans and L. H. Jelliff, remained in the capital as a co-operating committee, and have held almost daily conferences with the members of the cabinet. They have taken upon their shoulders the work of co-operating with the government in preparing legislation which can consistently obtain the support of the Progressives, which support is necessary

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News from the Organizations

Matter for this page should be sent to the Secretary, United Farmers of Alberta, Calgary; Secretary, Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, Regina; Secretary, United Farmers of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

Alberta

New Brigden Local Growing

The secretary of New Brigden local writes that this local has now 26 members, as compared with six last year.

Increase in Stanmore Local

The membership of Stanmore local stands at 40 at present, with every prospect of this being increased to 55 during the year. Last year the membership of this local was 18.

Discuss Co-operative Buying

Carrol C. Way addressed a recent meeting of Calumet local, dealing with co-operative buying and the management of a co-operative store. The manager of the Buffalo Lake stock pool, F. McDonald, reported on the work of this organization during the past year.

Pie Social Makes Profit

A pie social held by Painter Creek local recently made $51 after expenses were paid. This local has nine more members than in 1925.

Saskatchewan

Tiger Lily Replaces Westport

Westport G.G.A., at Wadena, gave up the ghost two or three years ago, and today, the Tiger Lily local stands in its shoes. This is a definite result of the work of W. J. B. Smith, district director, and Mrs. Eddison, representative of the Women's Section. After an address by these two speakers the persons present came to the conclusion that a local of the S.G.G.A. "would be a first-class institution to form at Tiger Lily," and 14 persons "decided to go ahead and organize." Says the secretary, W. A. Wainwright: "I am sure that this local will become one of the strongest in northern Saskatchewan, because that 'Get together feeling' was very evident." Tiger Lily is a striking name, and we hope the local will be as striking as its name.

H. R. Kirk, jr., the new director of District No. 13, is "trying to get county chairmen busy." He has appointed M. G. Smith, of Dodsland, county chairman for Kerrobert, and W. Hall, of Stranraer, municipal organizer for Winslow municipality.

Jas. Campbell, secretary of the Holyrood local, at Parkbeg, is going to flood his district with information as to the work of the Central organization in 1925. This should lead to a real revival.

R. R. McRae, secretary of the Westmoor G.G.A., Wynot, is following the example of the Holyrood secretary—or is it vice versa?—and similar results should be secured.

Manitoba

A new feature in U.F.M. activity was the inter-local contest carried on by the Grassmere and Tecumseh locals recently. The latter challenged the former to meet them in an old-fashioned spelling bee. As the locals are only six miles apart a splendid crowd was able to journey from Tecumseh to Grassmere, but they found that local more than a match for them as they were beaten. The return match was set two weeks later. In the interim, both locals got down to practice and on this occasion Tecumseh took off the honors. On each occasion, the visiting local was the guest of the home local and the latter put on a program of songs, readings, etc., followed by refreshments and a dance. B. E. Lewis, secretary of Tecumseh local says that for inter-local sociability and as an educational feature, the matches were huge successes. They greatly appreciated the part that E. Robinson, principal of Stonewall High School, took as announcer at the spelling bees. Tecumseh is now contemplating the formation of a Seed Barley Growers' Association.

Union U.F.M. local report 20 paid-up members for 1926. Wm. Wallcroft, the secretary states that this is an increase of five members over last year. Their special activities last year were engaging in the co-operative purchasing of twine by the car lot, saving for themselves in this way half-a-cent per lb.

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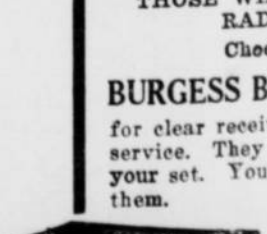

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Pool Offer to Buy Elevators

Terms on which co-operative system would be taken over by Saskatchewan Pool—Co-op. shareholders meet April 9 to decide

A SIGNED offer from the Saskatchewan Pool Elevators Limited, for the purchase of the elevator system of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company, was received by the board of directors of the company on March 6. The board decided to call a general meeting of the shareholders of the co-operative company to be held in Regina, on April 9, at 10 a.m. Notices were mailed to all shareholders and local secretaries were supplied with necessary notices to be used in calling meetings of locals.

The terms of the offer were made public on March 10. The offer was made following the decision at the general meeting last December of the shareholders of the elevator company, to give full consideration to the pool offer to purchase; decision to make which had been made at the pool delegates' meeting in October last. The present offer was considered by a special meeting of pool delegates held in February, after a tentative agreement had been drawn up as a result of conferences between the boards of the pool and of the elevator company.

Legislative powers were given the elevator company at the last session of the Saskatchewan house to dispose of the company's holdings, providing that a resolution to do this was passed by a three-fourths vote of all delegates present and voting at a special meeting called to consider such a resolution.

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Terms of the Offer

The pool will pay $500,000 to the company in cash, as a guarantee of its undertaking to conclude the transaction, prior to the special meeting of the elevator company; and before August 1, 1926, will put up a million-and-a-half dollars more. The balance of the purchase price will be paid in equal annual instalments of $1,000,000 a year, with interest at 6 per cent. on August 1, each year; the pool reserving the right to pay off all or part at any time without notice. If, however, the Saskatchewan government, which is owed some $2,300,000 by the elevator company, as part of the original plan of financing the elevator company's construction program, wants its money, it is to be paid off before the $1,500,000 is paid to the elevator company, and this amount is then to be cleaned up first in its entirety.

If the offer goes through, the pool will take over the company's assets as at August 1, though the company will have till October 1 to wind up its business. If the government is willing to allow the mortgage to continue, the pool will assume it from September 1. The pool undertakes to mortgage its present string of 90 elevators to the company as security for the balance of the payments due. It will also, provided title to the system is turned over to the pool, give a mortgage back as security for the balance of the unpaid principal of the purchase price.

The Pool Statement

In a formal statement issued from pool headquarters today, giving these details, the following points dealing with the financing and the effect of this purchase on pool signers are made:

Financial Plans

"An important part of the agreement provides that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool will deduct each year the full two cents per bushel provided under the grower's contract for the purpose of acquiring grain-handling facilities. From this fund it will invest in the capital stock of the Pool Elevator Company in each of the three years, 1926, 1927 and 1928, an amount equal to the instalment of principal and interest due to the Co-operative Elevator Company in each of these years. If, however, in any of these years the total deductions are not equal to the annual instalments of principal and interest, the guarantee of the pool is limited to investing the total of such fund in the capital stock of the company.

"By way of further security for the instalments of purchase price, the Pool Elevator Company assigns all its right to the money to be paid by Saskatchewan Co-operative Wheat Producers Limited, under this section.

"The offer submitted by the pool to the elevator company is binding upon the pool for a period of 50 days from the date of the agreement, and during this period the offer is irrevocable.

"In connection with the payments to be made to the elevator company, on the basis of the volume of grain delivered to the pool during the present crop season, the deductions for the purpose of acquiring grain-handling facilities, as provided in the grower's contract will provide the sum of nearly $2,600,000. The pool are of the opinion that there is a considerable volume of grain still to be delivered to the 1925 pool, which may raise the amount available for acquiring elevator facilities to nearly $3,000,000 for this year's operations.

Additional Facilities

"Thus in the event of the pool's offer to purchase being accepted by the elevator company, the pool will still be in a position to build or acquire additional elevator facilities at those points not already served by a pool elevator, or by a co-operative elevator at which the acreage under contract to the pool warrants the operation of a pool elevator.

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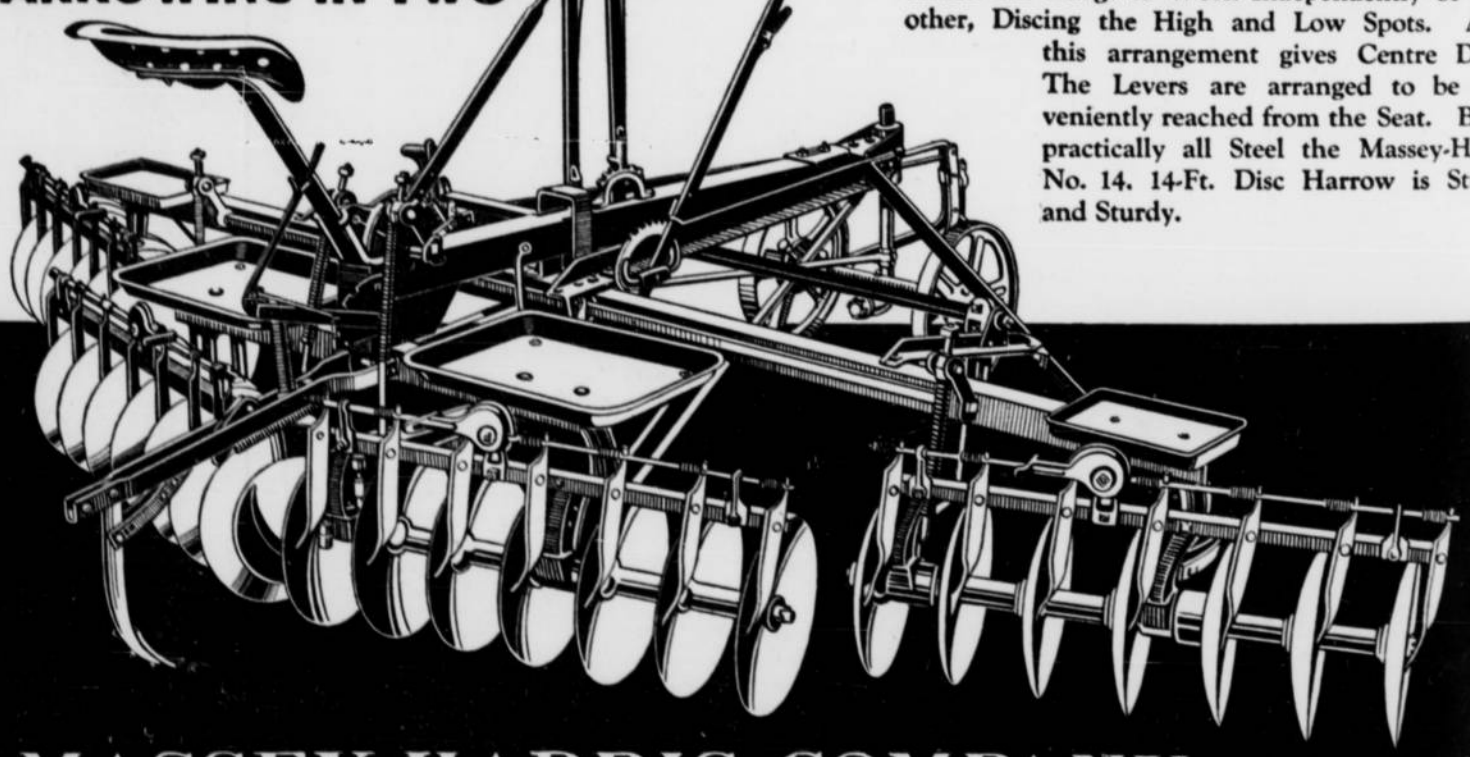

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Wheat Pool Payment

By the distribution of 190,000 checks, totalling $37,000,000, the first interim payment by the wheat and coarse grain pools has distributed an enormous amount of money throughout the three prairie provinces. It will be highly acceptable to the recipients, enabling them to clear up overdue payments, purchase necessities, and, we hope, some of the luxuries, and by passing into the regular channels of trade will improve business throughout the whole country. At 20 cents a bushel this interim payment amounts to $266 per 80,000-pound car of wheat, and, consequently, will be a very substantial amount to the majority of shippers. As there are in the various pools somewhere about 126,000 farmers, the average payment will be approximately $300. That this great number of 190,000 payments were mailed on one day is a tribute to the efficiency of the organizations which the three pools have established in the comparatively short time since their organization.

Now that the first interim payment has been made there will, of course, be great interest in speculating as to what the balance of the payments will be. No advance information on this subject is ever divulged by the pool officials, and, of course, definite information is not available until the pool year concludes with the end of August. The initial pool payment for the 1924 crop was $1.00, the same as for the 1925 crop. Just a year ago, in the first week of March, the first interim payment of 35 cents per bushel was made; in the last week of July there was a second interim payment of 20 cents per bushel, and the final payment of 11 cents per bushel was made at the end of August, making the price at Fort William, for No. 1 Northern for the 1924 crop, $1.66 per bushel.

The market prices for the 1925 crop have been ruling considerably lower than those prevailing when the 1924 crop was marketed. It would not, therefore, be expected that the final pool price will equal that of last year. Judging by the prevailing market prices there would seem to be a prospect of the final pool price being somewhere between $1.40 and $1.50 for No. 1 Northern at Fort William, depending upon the volume of wheat marketed when the market was at its highest. If the final price should be $1.40 there will still be interim payments totalling 20 cents a bushel to be made, and if it is $1.50, there will still be 30 cents a bushel coming to pool contract holders. Either figure will be profitable to the grower who had a good crop of good wheat.

The New Zealand Experiment

The experience of the organized farmers of New Zealand parallels in many respects that of the organized farmers of Canada. As will be seen by reading, in this issue, the story of their struggles and successes, written for The Guide by one of themselves, many of the same difficulties had to be met and overcome. There are, however, some important differences. One is that organized labor has had much more influence in shaping legislation there than here, and an open cleavage exists between labor and the organized farmers.

In developing their machinery for organized marketing, the farmers of our sister dominion have diverged considerably from the path we have followed. With a great exportable surplus of meats and dairy products they find themselves removed by half the circumference of the earth from the world's markets. These perishable products require at least two months from the time they begin their long journey until they reach the retailer's counter in Great Britain. Under this handicap the producers have become convinced that their interests demand more far-reaching methods of control than have hitherto been found necessary here. Export control boards, one for meats and another for dairy products, have been established and entrusted with the complete control of the exports of their respective commodities. The plan involves the establishment of offices in London, so that the producers' interests are adequately represented at the point where world competition takes place. The idea has been applied to meat exports with evident success. It is now being tried with butter and cheese. These far-reaching experiments will be watched with interest by the farmers of other countries, and particularly by the organized farmers of Canada.

C.P.R. Profits Increase

The profits earned by the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1925, should be considered highly satisfactory even to the shareholders. Not only was the company able to meet all its expenses, its bonded indebtedness and the dividend on its preferred stock, but in addition earned 12.5 per cent. on the common stock. The dividends paid on the preferred stock amounted to $4,005,944. On the common stock of $260,000,000 a dividend of 10 per cent. was paid, amounting to $26,000,000. Above and beyond the dividends paid there was a surplus from railway and lake steamers amounting to $3,010,315, and from ocean steamers and other assets an additional surplus of $3,557,375, so that after paying all dividends the C.P.R. has a surplus of $6,567,690. This, added to the special surplus account, brings the accumulated surplus up to $34,379,524.

The annual statement of the C.P.R. announces that the working expenses in 1925 were lower than in any year since 1918, and the net earnings were better than in any year since 1917. This is a clear indication that the C.P.R. has made a marked increase in its efficiency. It is an indication also that there is room for still further economies which should be made in the interest of the people of Canada as well as of the shareholders.

Last week we had the pleasure of publishing the annual statement of the Canadian National Railways, showing the net earnings in 1925 to have increased by $15,000,000 over the previous year. Now we have the Canadian Pacific Railway with the best statement it has shown since 1917. The National Railways, despite the very marked improvement, still has a deficit of around $30,000,000. If, however, the National were properly capitalized at approximately $1,000,000,000, its deficit on a 5 per cent. basis would have been about $18,000,000. The Canadian Pacific Railway paid 10 per cent. on its common stock and had a $6,000,000 surplus. Had the shareholders been satisfied with a 5 per cent. dividend on common stock there would have been a surplus of approximately $19,000,000. Thus it may be seen that the two railway systems, considered for the moment as one, have been profitable, though the profits have all been distributed through but one channel.

The C.P.R. statement, like the C.N.R. statement, is another proof of the profits earned by the railway companies in transporting the western wheat crop. Both statements also indicate that there is room for greater economy to be effected by closer co-operation between the two companies and by increased efficiency in their operation. The public also will realize that there is room for some reduction in freight rates, and in that particular that the Crow's Nest rates on wheat and flour should be put into effect in full, as was intended when they were ratified by act of parliament. The people of Canada are anxious to see the National Railways put upon a basis where they will pay their own way, and at the same time there is no desire to see the Canadian Pacific Railway crippled financially. It is quite apparent, however, that there can be considerable downward adjustment of freight rates without hampering the Canadian Pacific Railway in any manner, and that greater efficiency and closer co-operation, with increasing traffic, will bring the National Railways to the desired position.

That Surplus Problem

The farmers of the United States continue to beseige Washington with demands for governmental aid in solving their "surplus" problem. They have found that a tariff on farm products is of little or no use so long as they produce a surplus over home requirements. The economic law that the price received for the exportable surplus of a farm commodity governs the price received for it in the home market as well, continues to operate in spite of tariff enactments. Hence the support given two years ago to the McNary-Haugen bill, which proposed that a huge fund be created for the purpose of buying up the surpluses of a wide range of commodities and throwing them on the foreign market. The tariff would then, it was hoped, become effective in artificially raising home market price levels. The bill was defeated, probably because the legislators at Washington believed it to be impracticable.

The farmers, particularly from the middle west, are now supporting the Dickenson bill, which provides for a federal farm board that would purchase and remove surplus farm products from the domestic market. A sales tax on agricultural products would recoup losses sustained on sales abroad. The Dickenson bill is, therefore, the McNary-Haugen bill in a modified form.

The idea of bonusing exports is being tried out in Australia. About one-third of the butter produced in that country finds export outlets. Under what is known as the Paterson stabilization scheme a levy of two cents a pound is made on all butter manufactured. From the fund thus created a bonus of six cents a pound is paid on the one-third of the product which is exported. This, it is hoped, will have the effect of increasing automatically the home price to the extent of the export bonus, with a resulting net gain of four cents a pound on the butter consumed locally. The plan has been in operation since January 1, but no information has yet arrived as to its effect on butter prices.

Even if the plan works with Australian butter it is no guarantee that a somewhat similar plan would work with products of such wide range and tremendous volume as the chief agricultural products of the United States. The machinery required to handle a project of such magnitude might well put a strain on the acknowledged American genius for big business. There is

a feeling in many quarters, supported by many of the big pooling co-operatives, that the plan the farmers of Western Canada are pursuing of organizing for marketing on an adequate scale, offers far more promising results than artificial government schemes such as the Dickenson bill proposes.

Shifting the Burden

No other nation on earth is, like Canada, situated with a 3,000 mile border alongside another nation of the same race, language, tradition and customs. When it is considered that that nation is, financially, the most powerful on earth, and the one with whom we have our greatest volume of trade, it is easy to realize that American influence upon Canada is tremendous. It is marked in a thousand different ways, sometimes beneficially and sometimes detrimentally. At present there is a growing demand by the wealthy interests of Canada, that we should follow the example of the United States Congress by reducing the income tax.

The new income tax bill just passed by Congress has made a great reduction in the taxes both upon the lower and the higher incomes. A married man with two children, earning $5,000 in the United States, will pay an income tax of $7.88 as compared with $84 in Canada. If his income is $7,000 he will pay $30.78 as compared with $199.50 in Canada. If he earns $10,000 his tax will be $85.25 as compared with $535.50 in Canada. This is what has been done for the man who earns what they call a "small" income in the United States, but which most people in this country would consider a fairly good income.

For the big fellows who formerly paid 65 per cent. surtax, there has been a similar reduction, and they now will only pay 20 per cent. Furthermore, there is to be no further publicity of the income taxes paid similar to that which prevailed last year, and which provided so much interest and entertainment, not only to the American public, but to the world at large. Another concession to the wealthy has been the repeal of the federal inheritance tax, which is now left to the various states. Florida and Alabama levy no inheritance tax, and Florida is appealing to multi-millionaires to come and die in that state so that they may leave their vast fortunes to their relatives without having to donate a large portion to Uncle Sam.

All these facts of American taxation will be used in the campaign now being waged in Canada to induce our government to cut down our income tax and raise the necessary revenue by other taxes upon consumption. The old familiar argument that our heavier income tax will drive people from Canada to the United States will be worked overtime, forgetting the fact that a man with a $10,000 income in Canada is not going to rush to the United States to save a few hundred dollars in income tax, while the poor man would pay no income tax in either country.

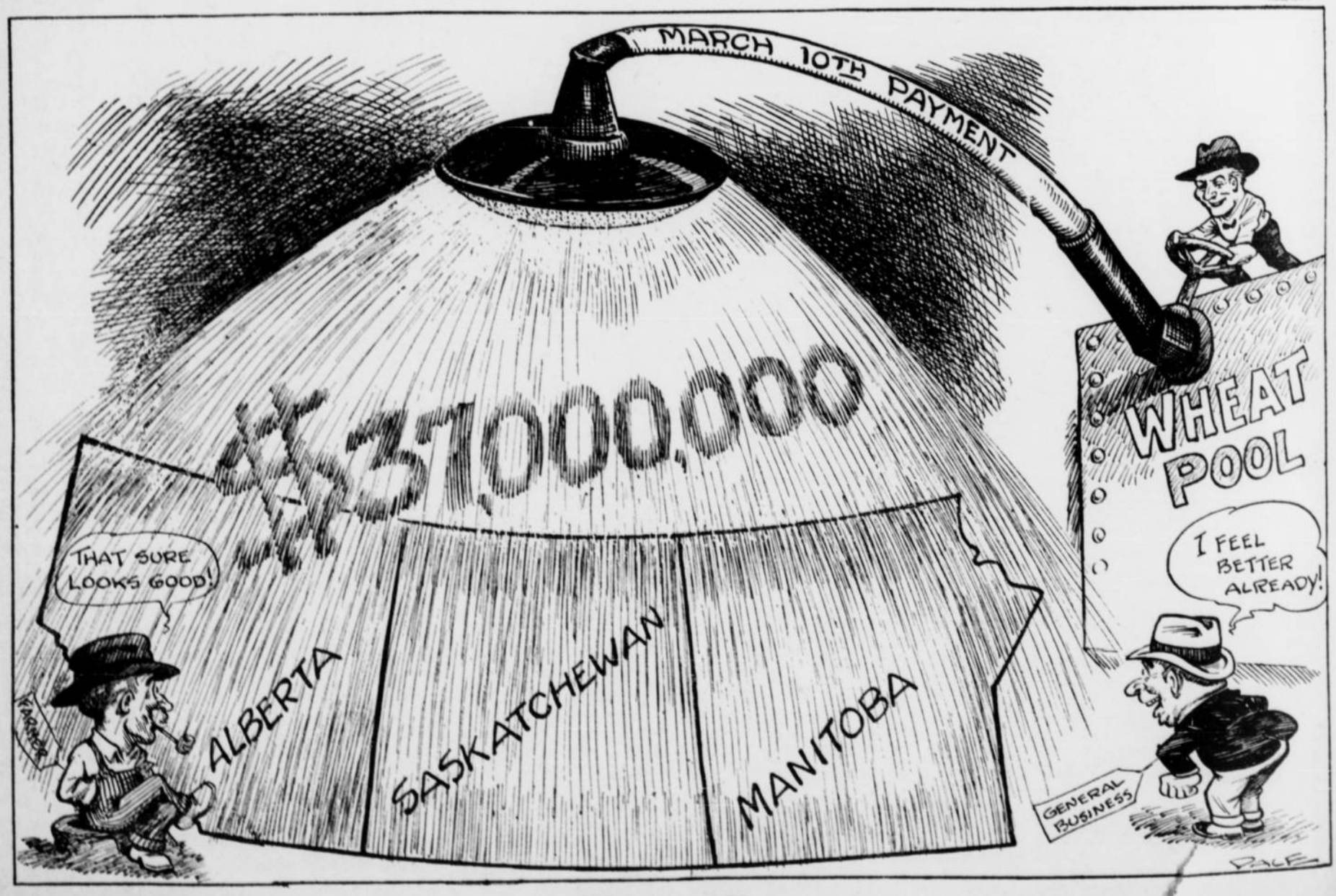
The influence of the wealthy in the United States is at the moment paramount, and they have succeeded in shifting a huge burden of taxation from their own shoulders, which were quite capable of bearing it on to the shoulders of those who are already having a struggle for existence. That is the desire of a large portion of those in Canada who are seeking to have reductions made in our income tax in order to have our revenue raised more largely through indirect taxation. We have never heard of any person who thoroughly enjoyed paying a direct tax, yet Canada needs large revenues, and in order to get the money the chief contributions should be made by those who can pay them most easily. Reductions in the income tax and increases in indirect taxation merely make the rich richer and the poor poorer, which should not be allowed in Canada, no matter what other nations may see fit to do.

Lewis K. Liggett, head of the great chain stores of United States, Canada and Great Britain, returned the other day from England, and says that business conditions are "a whole lot better than they led us to believe." He says that he has 800 stores in England, and that business has been better than ever in their history, and he is proceeding to open a new store every day. This is but one of the many indications that old England is a long piece from being down and out yet.

Aaron Sapiro, the wheat pool advocate, is pushing his $1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford, because of an article published in the Dearborn Independent, which Mr. Sapiro regards as libelous, as it reflected upon his methods in organizing farmers into co-operative organizations. Officials of co-operative farmers' organizations in Washington and other states, where Mr. Sapiro has worked, are being called as witnesses to testify as to his methods.

J. J. Morrison, the war horse of the United Farmers of Ontario, says that the House of Commons is like a farmer who is trying to hitch three horses to a plow with a two-horse doubletree. The wise farmer, says "J. J.," would go and get a three-horse hitch, but what they are trying to do at Ottawa is to knock the third horse on the head.

Evidence being brought out in the smuggling enquiry at Ottawa, shows the length to which men will go to make money out of the illegal handling of liquor. The liquor business has always been associated with dishonesty, and it seems impossible to conduct it otherwise.



A Welcome Shower

New Zealand Farmers' Union

Its relation to the co-operative enterprises of the country---By Frank Colbeck, who farms at Morisville, N.Z.

Fat cattle on the way to market at Ross, South Westland, on the South Island of New Zealand

OUR union was formed in 1900, and was created to counterbalance the influence that the formation of industrial union was having on legislation.

I think at first, and, in fact, for many years, our attitude was one of defence only. It was not until about 1912 that we found it necessary to act on the offensive. The first few years of our existence were devoted largely to defending the right to our freehold tenure, and in combatting attempts to introduce land nationalization and single tax. Later, as the individual unions became more aggressive, we had to fight their constant attempts to unduly raise wages, and, finally, we had, in 1913, to take charge of the water-front and see to the loading of our produce on to the ships that took it to our market in London. We have started practically all the co-operative activities in this Dominion, and I believe we are, up to a certain point, better organized co-operatively than any other country in the world.

Practically all our butter and cheese is manufactured co-operatively. We have co-operative freezing companies, auctioneering companies, box, crate and lumber companies, coal companies, artificial manure companies and many general trading companies.

The Same Old Difficulties

Where we have failed to co-operate, until quite recently, was in marketing our produce. Four years ago, our president, W. J. Polson, started a campaign to complete our co-operative activities, and we now have added to our list of co-operation our meat, butter and honey control boards. We require now, to complete our co-operative scheme, co-operative banking, and then the scheme will be fairly complete.

I know very little about the farming community of Canada, but I presume the farmer in your country is much like the farmer in New Zealand. The farmer here is an individualist to his heart's core. He has been "taken in" so often that he is as suspicious as a wild cat. If you ask him to join the union his first thought is "what is this man going to get out of it." If you suggest that co-operation is the only way out of his difficulties, he at once thinks that you are looking for a job as manager or director, or else that you want to sell him some shares. Unfortunately, in the early stages of co-operation some of the companies failed, generally from lack of support. These failures naturally made the sufferers look askance at the movement. However, in spite of all obstacles, co-operation has grown to gigantic proportions and is here to stay.

Form of Organization

When the union was formed it was formed as a non-political body. Our motto is "Principles, Not Party." At one of our early conferences one of our leaders said: "The union is non-political, non-party and non-mercantile." A "wag" who spoke later, said it only required one other "non" to make it perfect, and that was "non-existent." Personally I agree that without politics we shall never carry much weight. Every other section of the community in this country is organized politically, and if we do not follow their lead how can we hope to succeed? Every reform that is necessary to make our calling a success requires more or less legislation, and we have no stick to beat the legislative dog with. For the last 25 years a few of us have advocated political action, but so far with little or no success.

Our organization is fairly good and begins, of course, with the individual farmer. The next unit is the branch. This may consist of any number of members, and is only limited by the distance the members can travel to attend meetings. The next unit is the provincial executive. This executive is elected annually by delegates from all branches in the provincial area, who meet at the annual provincial conference. At these provincial conferences the delegates also elect representatives to attend the Dominion conference, which is held in July of each year. The provinces are entitled to send one representative for each 500 members. The Dominion conference elect from amongst themselves the Dominion executive, which is the controlling body of the union. The president and other office bearers are also elected by the members of the Dominion conference. All executives hold office for one year only, but may, of course, be re-elected for any number of times.

The Co-operative Program

In July, 1921, W. J. Polson was elected president, and he has been re-elected each year since then. Mr. Polson decided to concentrate on certain work which he and his executive considered most important to the farming community. The special objects to strive for were:

1. Co-operative banking.
2. Co-operative shipping.
3. Co-operative marketing.
4. Reduction in taxation.

We have succeeded in obtaining our control boards for meat and dairy produce. The power given to the boards exceeds the powers given to any similar boards in any part of the world. We have also succeeded in getting a considerable reduction in taxation, but a great deal is left to be done in this matter. In addition to the amount of taxation, we are very dissatisfied with the method of raising the taxes. Most of our taxation is levied in such a way that it can be readily passed on. I presume that in Canada you suffer much as we do, but as you have your country party, or, as I think you call them, Progressives, you have a chance of putting the incidence of taxation on a better footing. Our only chance of a change here is to write to the press and to hold meetings. Unfortunately our press is in the hands of the reform party (the Conservatives) and they only publish what they think fit. The farmer has to work so hard that he does not feel inclined to attend meetings, consequently, our progress in carrying reforms is deadly slow. We also find it difficult to raise the necessary funds to carry on propaganda work. The men who join our union are for the most part the smaller farmers. The big sheep-farmer does not see eye-to-eye with the small man, and our financial position suffers as a consequence.

Control of produce was started during the Great War, and I presume that the idea of Farmers' Control Boards had its origin in the control by government. In 1920 and 1921 the position of the sheep and cattle farmer in New Zealand was simply deplorable. Cross-bred wool was down to £3 per bale, cow beef was unsalable, and steer beef only just paid about the cost of freezing and freight to London. The retail prices in England, however, remained at a fairly high level, quite high enough to leave a fair margin of profit to the producer had he got his legitimate share.

Harvesting a crop of wheat at Savita, New Zealand

As an illustration of what I mean I quote from Mr. Massey's (our prime minister) speech at the meeting of delegates at which the control board was decided upon. Before the war, Mr. Massey said, the producer received 80 per cent. of the gross amount paid in London for mutton, but that now he only received 46 per cent., or, in other words, 54 per cent. was eaten up in costs. He gave as an example a 60-pound wether sold at 4½d per pound. Before the war the producer received 15s; now, for the same weight wether sold at the same price, he only received 6s 3d. He stated that the objects of the pool were to reduce cost of producing (including freezing), shipping and marketing, and to obtain a fair price.

Summing up, Mr Massey said there would be two boards, one here and one in London. The duties of the boards would be:

1. To institute a proper system of grading.
2. Finance.
3. Preventing an over-supply at the other end.
4. To see that they get a fair price by preventing gluts and congestion.
5. New Zealand meat should be branded as such to prevent unfair competition from abroad.
6. The care of the market in England, and to see that a fair share of meat went to all parts of England.

Genesis of Voluntary Pool

For a year prior to the meeting of delegates already referred to, W. J. Polson, president of the Farmers' Union, had been agitating for a "voluntary pool," and for a general co-operative movement. He advocated:

1. Co-operative banking.
2. Co-operative shipping.
3. Co-operative marketing.

Boiled down the position was that there were thousands of sellers but practically only one buyer, as the people at home put their heads together and fixed the buying price.

Our object was to meet the "one buyer" position by setting up a "one seller" position to meet it, and this the Control Bill gives us the power to do.

The position with regard to butter was worse than the position of meat, as there were hundreds of small factories, very weak in finance, and these weak holders were continually depressing the market because they were forced to sell. There were many cases where English buyers came out to New Zealand and bought the output of a few small factories and used this butter to depress the market, and then shipped in and bought large quantities,

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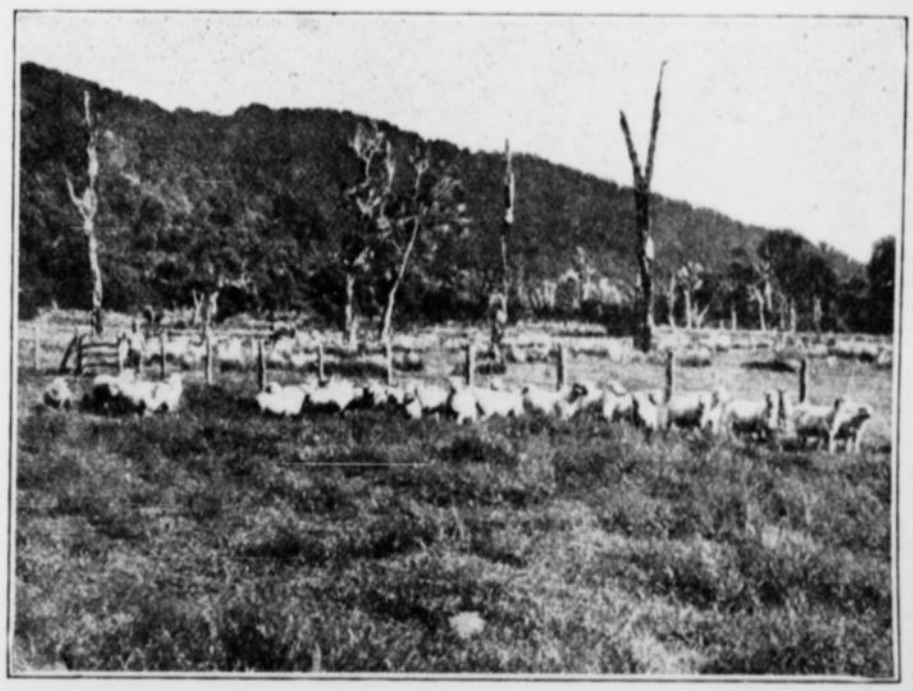

Sheep on a typical range on the West Coast of New Zealand

Quack Grass Eradication

An object lesson in reclamation

By John E. Heaman

QUACK grass, one of our worst weeds, flourishes in almost any soil and under a variety of climatic conditions. It spreads rapidly, and from what can be seen in various parts of Manitoba today, where it goes, it goes to stay, much to the dismay of a large majority of those who make its acquaintance. But like most other noxious weeds, there is no doubt but what it favors particular soils and in its chosen habitat it becomes a grave menace to continued grain growing. In such districts, if control measures are not undertaken when it first makes its appearance, very soon large tracts of excellent land are laid barren and waste under the devouring arms of this harmless looking grass.

Quack grass spreads in a variety of ways and new patches growing up are not suspected until it is too late for economical control methods. The seeds being light—almost nothing but a bit of straw—blow in the wind, drift on the snow, and float considerable distances in the spring thaw. Then too, there are thousands of bushels of grain contaminated with the quack grass seed shipped across country and used for sowing clean fields. Undoubtedly the most likely lurking place of these noxious weeds is grass seed, brome and western rye particularly. These seeds are so much like quack that it is almost impossible to separate them.

Mr. Heaman believes in heroic measures, for eradicating quack or couch grass. There may be a cheaper method of getting the same result, but The Guide has not heard of it. Local moisture and soil conditions might necessitate modifications of this plan, but as to its efficacy in Western Manitoba, read Mr. Heaman's statement in the centre of the page—a statement vouched for by his neighbors. If you have this weed to contend with, clip this article and file it away for reference during the summer.

Not an Invulnerable Weed

The danger of quack grass becoming a weed can be prevented by summerfallowing with a duck-foot cultivator. The weed is always most troublesome in grain growing districts, for the rotation of crops which characterizes mixed farming does not give it the same chance to spread.

There is no such thing as a compromise with quack grass. Once farmer and weed have come into conflict one or the other must go. There is not enough room on a grain farm for them to get along together harmoniously. In many cases, after a hard struggle, it is the man who goes, leaving the quack to multiply and lay waste another piece of land. This is not said for effect: it is a true picture of what is going on in parts of Western Canada today.

Notwithstanding this fact, no man need fly from the terrors of quack grass. There are no terrors if you possess the knowledge and determination. The main thing is the need of a system that gets results. I have farmed many years in a quack area, and am well acquainted with it. This article, written at the request of The Guide, outlines my system of attack—a system which has proved effective even in fields which were so completely over-ridden that a plow turned an unbroken sod from headland to headland. It has been tried and found to be not only good, but one of the best: not once but many times.

Equipment Required

In the first place many people who are strangling in the clutches of quack grass attempt to summerfallow with a disc, and slap their crop in any old way on last year's stubble. The futility of that sort of thing calls for no comment.

Again, people have had it dinned into them that in order to do anything with quack a long list of expensive implements is absolutely necessary—chain harrows, long toothed harrows, clod crushers—an interminable list. Although there is no doubt these implements do excellent work, they are very expensive and in many cases have to be made at local shops. Men who let their farms go back until such a state is reached as to need these special tillage implements, cannot, in most cases, afford to buy them. That is the reason why it has been necessary to plan a system for dealing with quack that employs the common implements to be found on every grain farm. The only requirements are a plow, a cultivator, a set of drag harrows, and a common hay rake. A pitchfork and a box of matches complete the equipment, and in certain cases perhaps a disc might be added to the list.

It might be said here that almost any kind of a true running stubble plow will do, either sulky or gang. The cultivator should be stiff-toothed, and fitted with special quack grass points. Any kind of drag harrow will answer, but the best are the common farm, medium weight, channel steel harrows.

"IN the spring of 1924, we purchased a quarter-section of quack-grass land," says Mr. Heaman, "120 acres broke, and every acre covered with about six inches of quack roots and Canadian thistles. This land had been partly disturbed some years before, but the owner hardly ever got his seed or its equivalent in any crop that he sowed.

"That same spring we set about cleaning it and followed the system I have outlined in this article. We found it very satisfactory, even in a year as wet as 1924. Tons and tons of quack roots went up in smoke, and more than once the field looked like a hay field, with the great long rows of raked roots waiting for the match.

"This field was sown to wheat in 1925, and in spite of the thistles the year before, I could have carried in my arms all that grew, and then, in the face of a very severe attack of rust, we threshed over 2,200 bushels of wheat, with a 3 per cent. dockage.

"This was only accomplished by following the system here described and doing a lot of hard work. But anything that is worth going after and having is worth working for even though we sometimes fail. And if this fair land of Canada is to be kept clean and prosperous in the face of increasing difficulties, we cannot yet lose sight of that great tonic that makes strong men of boys—work."

Adapting a Gang Plow

Let us suppose the case of a man, not too well financed, who undertakes the job of cleaning up a badly infested field, and finds that he has nothing but a two-furrow gang plow with which to commence the task. Suppose further that this plow may do an excellent job and be the right implement in its place once the field is clean, yet it may be quite unsatisfactory for the first operation in a quack field Two furrows being turned at the same time require a lot of power, more perhaps, than the average horse outfit can supply. The gang plow also has a tendency, when both bottoms are used, to rise out of the ground in unexpected places, causing delay and annoyance. In order to make the plow draw as easy as possible it is necessary to set the coulters down low, and it seems that under these circumstances, the weight of the plow is not sufficient to hold both coulters in the ground. Therefore gangs must often be looked at askance for the first stroke in a quack field.

The man who is limited to the use of a gang has a way out, however. He may adjust his plow to work with the hind share only. This is easily accomplished by moving the draught over to the left beam, or the next thing to it, and setting the furrow wheel to run straight up the outside of the furrow. Both of these may have to be re-adjusted after the implement is in the field, but the effectiveness of the work which can be done after the proper hook-up has been obtained is surprising. The weight of the plow being all on one share, the coulter can be dropped as low as required without cutting under the share, thus carving a clean furrow slice and making the plow draw easier.

Frowns on Popular Theory

One very important aspect of the question is the time at which plowing should be done. Some men argue that special benefits are to be gained by leaving a field until seeds are forming before plowing is started. The vitality of the quack grass roots, so these men say, is at its lowest owing to the effort of the plant to produce seed, and it is at such a time, to follow their argument farther, that this weed can be most effectively dealth with.

That argument, at least in so far as it applies to quack grass, does not square with my experience. In order to eradicate quack grass successfully, especially in one year, nothing less than working the roots out of the ground and burning them is of any avail. Furthermore, while a man waits for the seeds to form and the roots to weaken he might have cleaned many more acres.

The best time to plow quack grass land is in the fall, just before freeze-up. This leaves the sods rough and exposed to the effect of frost and drying winds all winter and by spring they are loose and crumbly. That is half the battle and worth all the extra effort necessary to get the land plowed in the fall.

There is another good time to plow quack ground and that is when it is possible to camp right on it and work it immediately after plowing, for quack roots work out of fresh turned sods much easier than those which are allowed to stand and dry.

Mr. Heaman's quack grass field

Adapting the Cultivator

The next implement to employ is the stiff-toothed cultivator, and, as with the plow, it will need a few changes before it is ready for the special work of combatting quack grass.

The main use of the cultivator is to cut the sods in as short lengths as possible without dragging, and at the same time to leave the field as rough as may be. In order to do this it will be necessary to pull the pins provided for just such cases and remove some of the teeth. Leave just enough so that the sods will not catch and run with the machine, but at the same time will be cut into the shortest possible lengths. Set the teeth the same depth as the plowing and go over the field once only—take note—crosswise of the plowing. No doubt with a little patience, a spring toothed cultivator could be rigged to do identically the same work.

With a little of the right kind of management anyone who tries will have no trouble ridding a field of quack grass without the aid of a disc harrow. But if there is any one place where a disc will be needed, it is when a cultivator cannot be made to work after the first plowing. In sandy or light soils that crumble fairly easily the cultivator will work, but in heavier soils, and particularly where the sod has stood for a year without being disturbed, the disc will have to be used after the plow to loosen the sods. In most cases double discing will accomplish this, but when this has been done the disc should not be used again as the disc cuts the roots in short pieces making it many times harder for any known implement to take them from the ground afterward. What is needed is the tearing effect and this is obtained with the cultivator and the harrow.

Harrows—The Main Reliance

Now comes the turn of the drag harrows to tear the sods and leave the quack roots on top of the ground ready for the rake. No special harrows are used, nor are they touched nor lifted in any way, except perhaps to drop out a stick or tree root. As they fill up they mechanically leave great rolls of quack roots behind them, clean and ready to be raked up and burned. It does not matter much which way the harrowing is done, but each successive time over the field harrow in the opposite direction. If convenient leave the work so that the raking will be done the same way as the last time over the field with the harrows.

There is not much in the knack of harrowing except in the art of doing a good straight job without missing any ground. But for all this it is the most important link in this whole chain of operations. For complete success there is just one important thing to keep in mind — something that is almost a secret—the field must be gone over five times. On our type of soil this fifth stroke of the harrows seems to have some particular virtue; the quack roots come out from under the harrow in great long rolls, sometimes a foot-and-a-half through, with a thoroughness that would warrant the superstitious in imparting magical importance to the number five.

By this time the field will be in excellent condition to rake, an operation which should follow closely after the last harrowing. This is quickly done but one must not make the mistake of placing the windrows too far apart. There is a very good reason for

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That Higher Grade

This is Harry S. Nicholson's answer to the man who believes it is necessary to live within sight of the creamery in order to get top prices for cream

THERE are several people in these western provinces, who, like ourselves, only keep enough cows to enable them to ship one can of cream per week, and who live possibly 20 miles or more from town. We do not always obtain "Special" grade, but at least three cans out of every five command top price, viz., "Special" or "Extra No. 1," according to the classification used by the different creameries.

The first, and undoubtedly most important point is cleanliness in every phase of the operation, from the milking to the shipping. So we will start right at the cow. Like many hundreds of other small farmers and homesteaders, we turn our cows on to the open range during the day and into pasture at night. The open in our part of the country is bush, hilly and good pasture scattered or thin, so the cows have to contend with flies and heat in summer and often wander a mile or two, sometimes three or four miles, from home. So it is sometimes necessary to hustle them a little when fetching them home in the evening, after which they are turned into a corral to be milked.

Of course, we keep our hands clean, it is natural to do so, but for milking, "just clean hands" is not sufficient, freshly-washed hands is necessary; wash your hands immediately before starting out to milk.

Startling Innovation Pays

Arrived at the corral, first we wash the udder with ice-cold water from the well, for two reasons: first to remove the dust and dirt that is certainly there even if not in visible quantities; secondly, the udder is often hot and slightly feverish, so if it has been a really hot day and the cows have had a long trip home we bathe their udders for a minute or two with this cold water; we find it soothes the cows, and consequently, the milk flows freer.

Before letting any milk into the pail, we milk one stream out of each teat on to the ground as this small quantity of milk, i.e., the milk which is actually in the teat most of the day, if not actually dirty, is more or less full of "bad" bacteria. Bacteria being microscopical organisms which flourish in the milk—some working for sourness, others for sweetness—and being so small, they easily find access to the milk which is in the teat all the time. Of course the "bad" will breed faster under dirty conditions, in fact they can increase at the rate of several million a minute.

As each cow is milked we strain that milk into a separate container, for preference a shot-gun cream can. For straining we use an ordinary tin strainer with wire gauze centre, and one thickness of good quality white organdie. The strainer breaks the force of the milk thus eliminating the chance of dirt being forced through the strainer cloth.

After several experiments we found that the organdie stopped the finest particles of dirt, although allowing the milk to pass through freely, also it is easier to clean than cheesecloth. We found that even four thicknesses of cheesecloth did not stop all the dust, etc.; with flour sacking two-ply was not sufficient and three-ply did not allow the milk to pass freely. We get our organdie from a Mail Order House at an average cost of 33c per square yard; no doubt it can be obtained locally. Other fabrics were either too coarse or too close.

Next—The Separator

Over the supply tank of the separator we stretch another piece of organdie, keeping it in place with coarse string passed twice around beneath the rims of the tank and tied. This eliminates all particles of dust which may be floating around the room. Again we use the tin strainer to break the force of the pouring milk, but in this case it is necessary for someone to hold the strainer or else a support must be used, lest the weight of the strainer, filled with milk, should stretch the strainer cloth unduly. Of course with the shot-gun can the strainer fits fairly snugly into the mouth of the can.

A simple support for the strainer cloth can be made with three strips of inch lumber, fastened in the form of a triangle, with a two and one-half-inch nail through each corner. These nails, after being driven right through, should be cut off, leaving about half-an-inch protruding; the stubs should be long enough that these three nails fit snugly on the outside of the tank, this prevents the frame from sliding off, due to the vibration of the separator. To keep the frame rigid drive a shingle nail through each corner, about a quarter-of-an-inch from the nails you have used. We have used one of these frames for five years, winter and summer, and it is as solid as ever.

Care of the Cream

After separating, stir the cream immediately. This is done to aereate it, which also allows any foul odors it may contain to escape. Remember there are odors so faint that the human nose cannot detect them, but if they are there they will feed the "bad" bacteria and thus help to sour your cream. Don't forget milk will take taint quicker than anything else on the farm.

Cool the cream as soon as possible. We take ours down the cellar in a one-gallon crock and leave it there until after the next separation, about 12 hours later, this ensures that it gets thoroughly cool before it is emptied into the shipping can and mixed with the older cream from previous separations. At the same time we empty the cold cream from the last separating and stir the whole from the bottom to

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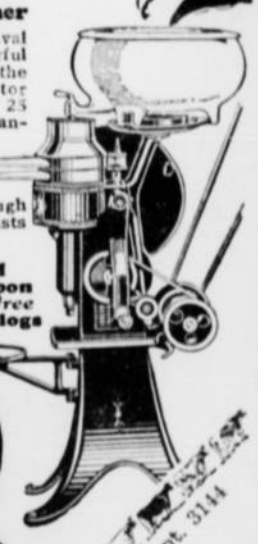

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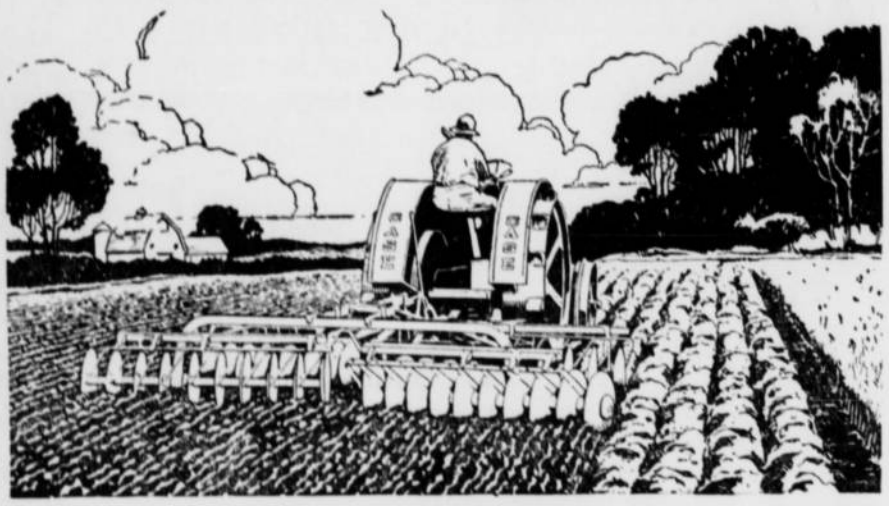

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ensure thorough mixing, as the thinner cream settles to the bottom, and if not stirred frequently the thicker cream will toughen, forming almost a blanket on the surface.

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Transporting the Cream

Our nearest town is 24 miles away, and it is a five-hour journey by rail from there to the creamery.

Our cream is shipped on mail day. I get up at four a.m. (it is five miles to the post office), fetch the cream can up from the cellar, label it and place it in the rig. Next I take an old blanket down to the well and pump cold water over it until it is thoroughly saturated, then wrap this around the can, hitch up and drive to the post office, usually arriving a few minutes ahead of the mail carrier, who leaves at 6.30 a.m. By this time the blanket has quit dripping, but is still wet. However, as he uses a democrat there is plenty of room, and it does not interfere with the mail bags. He gets to town about half-an-hour before train time, consequently, the cream is still cold when put on the train. Perhaps the mail man is not always in a position to do this for you, or there may not be a mail man, but if two or three or more neighbors take turns to carry the cream cans for the bunch, it is equally satisfactory.

Of course all these precautions would be useless if the separator and various other milk and cream utensils were not kept spotlessly clean, the tin-ware scalded twice a day and put out in the air to sweeten. On the rare occasions when it is too late to wash the separator at night, immediately afer separating, we place all the parts in the tank and cover with cold water, this keeps them sweet until morning.

Follow the precautions as explained in this article, they are simple and call for no expensive fixings, and you will have no trouble getting at least a number one grade for your cream, and very often you will be paid on the basis of Extra number one or "Special."

Factors in Production Costs

There are factors, over which the producer has no control, such as climatic conditions, rust, hail, frost, and such wide price fluctuations as occurred in the post-war period of liquidation. But there are other factors which he can direct, as has been demonstrated by Danish agriculturists, such as the grading and standardizing of products, both of grains and livestock. (1) The Department of Agriculture of the province of Manitoba estimates the annual loss from weeds alone at $20,000,000. The elimination of this economic loss would settle the school problem, as far as taxation is concerned. What the farmers lose in addition through lowering grades of grain, dockage, and the transportation paid on screenings, is incalculable. The devising of a workable method of properly cleaning grain at the farm, or close to the point of production, is an economic problem of the first magnitude. It is related not only to the questions of grain grades, dockage, and clean land, but to the cheapening of the cost of producing livestock. We have already experienced the advantages that have followed upon the grading of cream and other dairy products, bacon hogs, and the like. In these particulars, the aid of the individual producer should be the bringing forward to the market of products that are standardized. Grading is comparatively simple, with respect to size, quality, and so forth, if standardization is first dealt with. The "Lur" brand of Danish dairy and bacon products is famous because of their standard quality. We can hope for permanent and profitable exports of "finished" farm products only to the extent that these principles are applied.—Prof. W. W. Swanson.

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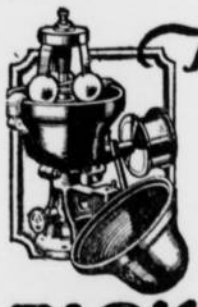

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Profitable Summerfallows

Could The Guide publish some experience articles that would straighten out some of the confusion of ideas which exists about working summerfallow? We had a summerfallow competition in this district three years ago, and I watched the crops which grew on the various fields entered. It is not giving away any secrets to say that the best crops were not in every case grown on the prize-winning fields. I am not saying this in criticism of the judges because I believe they did their work fairly well. And if one was to take into consideration the amount of work put on those fallows I am sure they were far less profitable than a good many of the ordinary fields of the district. The question boiled down is just this: where should a man stop in working down his fallow to get the maximum crop for the minimum amount of work?—C. S. Y.

Raising Broilers

Is it a practical proposition for the owner of a farm flock of poultry to try to grow broilers for the early market? I have heard this phase of the poultry business spoken of as profitable, but have always been of the opinion that it is limited to professional poultry specialists who do not have to bother with the thousand-and-one things that the day's work holds for farm women. Could you forward me some information on this subject?—Marion C.

Beans as a Field Crop

Can you give me any information about raising beans as a field crop on a limited scale? I understand there are quite a few districts in the West where a considerable acreage of this crop is now sown.—A. J. McL., Man.

In writing your answer to any or all of the above questions there is no limit to the length of the answer. Just give the information you think is necessary and no more, but be sure to give enough.

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Livestock Registration

If it is still necessary to produce evidence that government control of livestock registration is to be preferred to the system of private control followed in the United States and elsewhere, the following letter from F. O. Batstone, Chilliwack, B.C., ought to settle the matter in the minds of most men.

"There are two associations registering Holstein-Friesian cattle in the United States," asys Mr. Batstone. "Only one of these, The Holstein-Friesian Association of America, is recognized by the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada. The other, known as The Holstein-Friesian Registry Association, Incorporated, was only formed last August and is, I believe, perfectly valid in the United States, and is supported by many substantial breeders there. Anyone importing stock must be careful to see that they are registered in the correct association.

"I was unfortunately not aware of this when I imported, and having been furnished with pedigrees and transfers, made my final payment on the cattle, only to discover, on sending in the papers to Brantford, Ont., that they were worthless. I now have the expense of registering the stock in the other United States association and obtaining transfers from them, or I forfeit my deposit with the customs for duty, and then have only grade cattle as far as Canada is concerned."

Sweet Clover for Horses

"Sweet clover hay stands next to alfalfa as a roughage for all classes of cattle, sheep and young or idle horses," says Jas. W. White, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., who has had considerable experience in feeding this valuable legume, "but," he goes on to say, "it is too soft and laxative for horses on hard work. Such animals require a limited quantity of dry, hard, roughage, too, in addition to their grain, to keep them in the most efficient condition. Timothy hay, rye grass hay and oat sheaves, cut when the top oats are ripe, best fill the bill. Brome hay is rather laxative unless cut on the ripe side.

"When fed up to a pound of hay for every hundred pounds of weight of the roughages mentioned, and a liberal grain ration, a horse will be brisker, have better wind and more endurance than one stuffed up with too laxative a feed. The latter will be soft, sweat excessively, and an overloaded stomach will shorten the wind and make him dull.

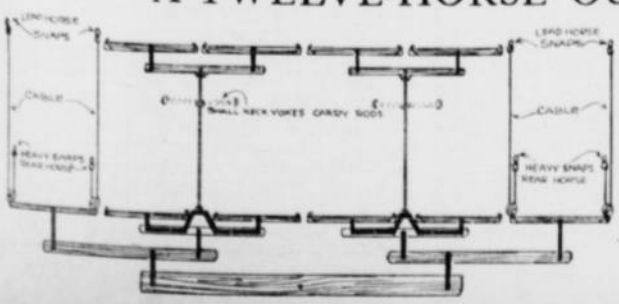
"For the one who finds it necessary to make the best use of feed on hand—such feed being largely sweet clover—I would recommend that an effort be made to obtain some drier roughage to feed with it. Oat straw, I believe would feed well with sweet clover hay. However, if the horse owner has some other hay, it would be advisable to feed that to his work horses and reserve the sweet clover for winter. It is a really valuable feed, being high in protein and calcium, and my experience has been that all classes of stock eat it readily.

"I am against the practice of turning horses out at night. While I do not consider it dangerous, it has the objection that your horse comes in with a stomach loaded with fodder, his spirits are dull, his wind short, and he is softened by the very laxative feed, and, in short, lacks the endurance of a properly-fed horse. We have turned our horses out at night when short of feed, but would not do so from choice."

Screenings: A Correction

In the introduction to an article on Screenings, appearing on page 9, in last week's Guide, the impression was erroneously left that screenings in grain shipped to the lake front were donated to the grain trade. The facts are otherwise. Under the terminal elevator tariffs approved by the Board of Grain Commissioners, where the screenings taken from a car of wheat total less than three per cent., the car load is cleaned without charge and the screenings go to the terminal elevator in payment for cleaning the grain. Where the dockage is three per cent. or over, after deduction one-half of one per cent. of the gross weight of the car for waste, a separate warehouse certificate is issued to the shipper or his agent for the balance of the screenings. There is a regular market for screenings on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, and they are disposed of at the market price and returns are made to farmers for screenings above three per cent. on the same basis as returns are made for grain.

A TWELVE-HORSE OUTFIT



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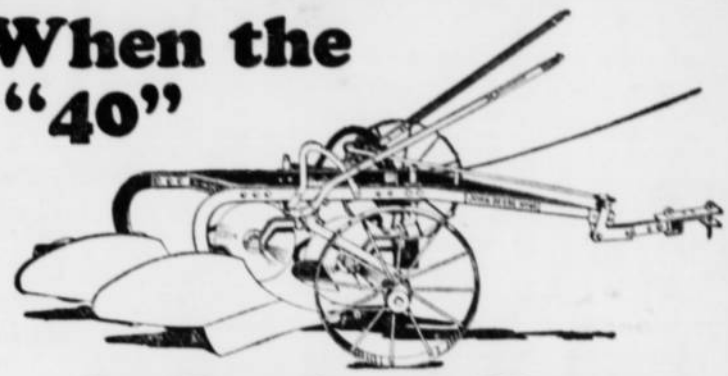

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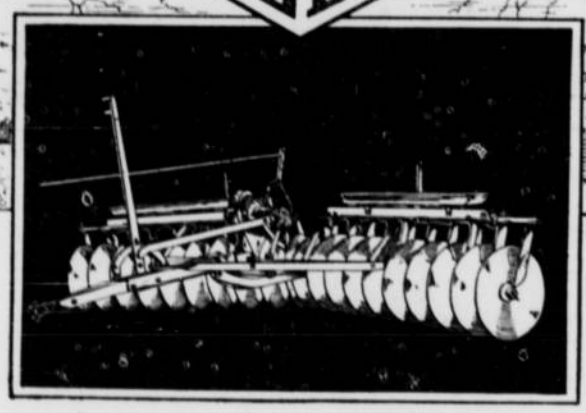

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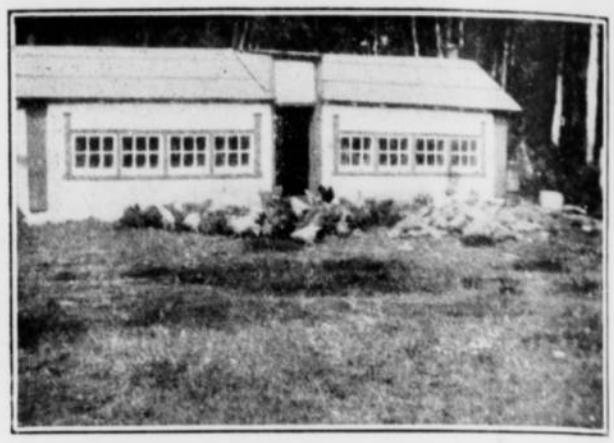
Two Small Poultry Houses

Economy was the main consideration in the minds of the men who planned and built them

THE larger poultry house on this page was built by Olaf Skogstad on his farm at Rose Valley, Sask. Mr. Skogstad declares that it is very satisfactory, in that it is warm, dry, well ventilated, admits plenty of sunshine, and owing to its thick walls, rapid changes of outside temperature are modified in the interior.

A solid foundation was first built, then the walls were erected, being of ordinary dry, round stove wood, cut to the same length, with the interstices filled with mortar. To complete the job, inside and outside were plastered, giving a very pleasing stucco effect.

This house has the merit of requiring but a small amount of cash, the main ingredient being a large amount of elbow grease which, as everyone knows, all western farmers are well supplied.



A novel poultry house, made by Mr. Skogstad, made of transverse lengths of stove wood with interstices filled with plaster. This method of construction seems to be quite practical, and is certainly cheap.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Skogstad's mode of construction has the sanction of building engineers. There have been several commodious houses with transverse log construction in the walls built within the last two years in Winnipeg, and it is reported that Minneapolis contractors have also had sufficient confidence in it to give it a trial. In these cases the filler is of concrete.

H. J. Funk, Winkler, Man., is the owner of the other house shown on this page. Mr. Funk's house conforms more nearly to older standards of house construction.

"The house was built last spring," he says, "and has proven to be comfortable and warm for about 40 hens. It is 12 x 14 ft., the front is 6 ft. high to point of roof, 8 ft., and the back wall 5 ft., the studdings are of 2 x 2; sills 2 x 4; the roof is broken about 4½ from the front side. The walls are one-ply siding, with a shiplap roof covered with roofing paper and shingled.

"A board 12 in. high is placed on the front side, on top of which a 3 ft. wire netting is stretched. Over the wire netting a cloth curtain with a moulding at the bottom is hung which can be rolled up when the weather is fair. Two 6 x 8 six-light windows on the front side and two windows of the same size placed one on top of the other provide ample light. The door is next to the windows. This little house was built at a cost of only $40.

H. J. Funk's poultry house

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Owing to the present day method of housing cattle during the winter months they are very susceptible to what is known as stoppage of the bowels or constipation, when as a matter of fact about 75 per cent. of such cases are really due to partial paralysis of the bowels, caused by consuming a large amount of coarse, dry and indigestible roughage and lack of exercise, or by consuming too much green fodder in summer.

The first thing that enters the mind of the owner of cattle when they are thus afflicted is that they are constipated, and the old-fashioned method of giving medicine is resorted to, consisting usually of salts or oil administered as a drench. If one drench does not kill or cure them they keep right on giving these liquid drenches, administered with a long-necked bottle.

Owing to the fact that when a cow's head is elevated and her mouth is open it is next to impossible for that animal to swallow for the reason that the bottle is in her mouth and oftentimes held there until all the contents have been drained.

Simple Matter of Mechanics

It is a fact that the valve of the gullet is always closed and the valve of the windpipe is always open except during the act of swallowing, at which time the point of the windpipe valve closes the windpipe and thereby prevents the liquid from passing into the lungs. When the animal closes its mouth the liquid is forced down the gullet into the stomach, but when the head is elevated and the mouth open the act of swallowing is very difficult.

Herein lies the danger of drenching says Dr. David Roberts. A portion of the liquid is very liable to pass through the windpipe and into the lungs, and if it does not kill the animal instantly it may do so in a day, a week, a month or even three months after drenching, the animal dying from chronic pneumonia as a result of the liquid entering the lungs. For this reason drenching cattle is attended with some risk.

The question naturally arises then how should animals be given medicine with safety? It can be given in small doses in powder form, dry, on the tongue of the animal. It readily mixes with the saliva of the mouth and the animal swallows naturally, without holding her head up high, as is done when drenching.

Such medicine should be given as will be absorbed by the mucous membrane of the mouth, stomach, and bowels and be taken up into the circulation.

On the contrary the action of salts is to stimulate the mucous membrane of the stomach and bowels rather than stimulating the nerves of them, oftentimes causing congestion and inflammation of the bowels and death may follow before the desired results have been obtained. The presence of the oil in the book stomach of the animal has a very bad effect as it gums up the little pores that give off the juices which aid digestion and lubricate the stomach and bowels.

Where drenching is finally decided on as the best mode of medication, do not lift the cow's head too high. Pour in small quantities at a time, allowing the cow an opportunity to lower her head between draughts. Do not hurry her.

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Proper Spreading Important

The oldest field we have has been under cultivation about 45 years. It has been manured several times and gives bigger crops than the newer land around it.

I think the general cause of disappointment comes through improper spreading. Where no spreader is used three to five times too much is often applied, this makes it hard to work with, it keeps the soil too open, causing it to dry out and later, when it commences to rot, causes too rank a growth.

I notice in an experiment on the Brandon farm that six tons of rotted manure gave better returns than 12 tons, which shows that a large amount is not necessary. A light application and often seems to be ideal. It takes some practice to put as little as 10 tons on an acre with a fork.

The matter of spreading weed seeds on clean land is very important. Rotted manure is supposed to be safer than fresh, but this only holds good if care is taken to have it rot thoroughly all through and keep weeds from going to seed around the pile.

I do not favor leaving the manure around to rot; we seldom have time to move it again. If a clean field is to be manured, take care to give only clean feeds to the animals during the time the field is being treated, it is quite as safe and much cheaper than the other way.—J. E. Langrell, Woodlands, Man.

The Rag Doll Tester

One of the most satisfactory, simple and inexpensive ways of testing seed corn at home is by means of the rag-doll tester. Other kinds of testers may also be used.

Bleached muslin is the cheapest material which has given entire satisfaction. It should be cut into strips 16 inches wide and from three to five feet long. With a pencil or crayon draw a line down the centre of the strip. Leave at least four inches at each end, and mark the strip crosswise every four inches. Number the sections.

Making the Test

Moisten the tester before putting the kernels upon it. Number the ears and place them in definite order. From different places on ear No. 1, take out 10 kernels and place them in section No. 1. Similarly take 10 kernels from ear No. 2, place them in section No. 2, and continue in this manner until every section of the tester has been filled. Care should be taken to place the kernels some distance from the dividing lines, so that slight displacements caused by handling the tester will not mix the samples.

Fold each side of the tester over, so that the edges meet in the middle. Press the cloth down firmly over the kernels, and using a cob or some other cylindrical object as a core, roll the tester around it. Tie a cord or slip a rubber band around the middle and the doll is complete.

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Discarding the Unfit Seed

The shoots as well as the roots should be well developed. In seasons when there is a normal supply of good seed corn, if any sample has a noticeably weak germination or has more than 80 per cent. dead kernels, the ear from which the sample was taken should be discarded. In seasons when the supply of good seed is extremely limited, keep all corn showing a germination of 60 per cent. or more. Hold the poorer seed separate and if it must be used, plant it thicker than the rest.

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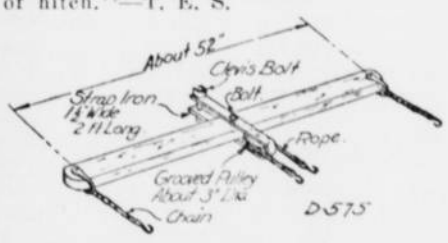

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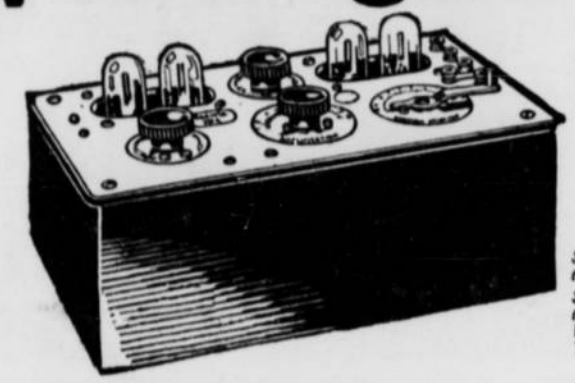

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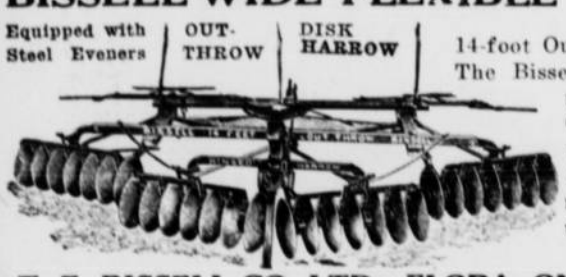

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At an early age "H. P. G." captured honors and the highest marks in Scotland, in a Trinity College examination, senior piano class. An organist and choirmaster at fifteen, he has had a musical experience which well qualifies him to preside at one of Winnipeg's finest organs—that at Fort Rouge United Church. This church was the first in the Dominion from which a service was broadcast, and ever since Easter Sunday, 1923, Mr. Fraser has been a favorite with radio fans in Western Canada.

Radio and Religion

Does broadcasting hurt the churches?

ON two occasions during the past month I have been asked to supply ammunition for the use of young debaters who intended arguing one way or the other in answer to the above question. Many, indeed, are the odd jobs which radio directors are expected to undertake in their spare time! Among these I might mention, incidentally, explaining why receiving sets refuse to work, judging pictures by juvenile artists, estimating the financial possibilities of poetry and suggesting names for cats, dogs and babies. I may be allowed to give my ideas on some of these subjects in future issues of The Guide. In the present article let me stick to the matter of radio and its effects upon the churches.

There are two aspects to be considered, the moral and the material. It is clearly the duty of all religious organizations to use every possible means of conveying their messages to the people. Hence the missionaries laboring in every part of the world; hence the translation of their messages into a thousand languages, and the printing of millions of tracts so that they who run may read. Radio is a powerful adjunct to all the other methods of propagation. The very word "broadcast" calls to mind the parable of the sower, and, perhaps, the stony ground now signifies those who tune out the sermon and switch to jazz.

Bishop Welldon, writing in the Radio Times, a year ago, expressed his conviction that radio helps the church. He said, "The church ought to keep herself abreast of the age. If the clergy were to refuse or neglect such new means of communication as science affords, they would commit the same mistake as might have occurred many years ago, had they then failed to make use of the printing press or the steam engine. Cheap locomotion and cheap literature have greatly amplified the opportunity of the church's influence."

In my own experience, while there was some hesitancy on the part of several churches, three years ago, to broadcast, I felt from the beginning that no persuasion would be needed when the far-reaching power of radio was properly understood. Musicians might assume an independent attitude towards the microphone, but the churches dared not do so, even though feeling a little uncertain as to the material risks involved.

Pews Not Emptied

Notwithstanding the fact that a Winnipeg church was first in the Dominion to go on the air, and that no less than 27 churches in this city are connected with the radio station, church attendance on a certain Sunday last year exceeded that on the same day of any previous year. Churches of all denominations were crowded to the doors, according to reports in the local newspapers.

Except in special circumstances, no fee is asked here for broadcasting evening services. The rush to get on the air has made it necessary, however, to charge for the installation of wiring, so, if radio is hurting the churches, they are taking kindly to the punishment!

In this commercial age, religious bodies have to advertise. Radio provides an excellent medium for church publicity. With no suggestion of disrespect I mention that the churches want money. People joke about the collection plate, but a handful of nickels and a button is no joke to the pastor who is struggling to make ends meet. One church known to me received $40 from listeners in return for a single broadcast. It is not my business to enquire how much is contributed in this way, but I have reason to believe that the amount received by mail sometimes exceeds the offering gathered up within the church. It does not seem, then, that radio is injuring the churches financially.

Irons Out Sectarian Differences

I think one big work which radio is doing for the churches is the spreading of a spirit of tolerance and goodwill. Radio sermons are nearly always prepared for the benefit of people of all sects. Inter-denominational differences are forgotten in the effort to comfort the sick and shut-in. The radio preacher has a great responsibility because he speaks to a vast congregation which is a cross-section of all humanity. He must guard his tongue lest he hurt some poor crippled listener who cannot hit back. Most radio sermons—I wish I could say all—are, therefore, kindly rather than critical in tone, tending to promote a friendly feeling towards churches in general, which should aid them considerably in their work.

Certain folk will continue to go to church. Radio will not keep them away. Others will stay away or attend only once in a while, just as they do now. If the message happens to reach the stay-at-home through the medium of his radio set, then so much the better for him, and so much to the credit of the church. He might never have been reached otherwise.

Interference

What Is Being Done About It?

Manitoba now has an organized system of collecting and broadcasting reports on receiving conditions day by day. It is early yet to draw any conclusions, but some interesting facts are being observed which should lead to something of value in the future. Local interference, due to electrical appliances, etc., remains an annoyance not likely to be reduced until a properly-equipped car is provided so that the troubles may be more rapidly hunted down and removed. Mr. Gray, the government radio inspector, is doing a great deal more work than radio fans realize, but his is a colossal task. The city of Brandon sent for him recently to clear up some interference there.

"The I Won't Bloop Club" is the name of a new organization of radio listeners formed by the Radio Digest Readers, willing to promise not to "Bloop," and who would like some good advice on how to make their sets

behave, should write to the paper at 510 North Dearborn Street, Chicago.

The best publication I have seen, dealing with the general problems of interference, is a pamphlet issued by the National Electric Light Association, 29 West 39th Street, New York City, N.Y. I understand the price is 65 cents, which must be practically cost. I had a copy, but someone took a fancy to it so I must get another.

CKY had the commutator of its low-voltage generator turned down in the lathe, recently. Transmission has been clearer since this little job was done. When it is remembered how many hours CKY is running, including the long run for CNRW on Wednesday nights, it must be admitted that the machine is standing up very well. Credit is due to operators Bill Duffield and Ed. Dusang, for the efficient manner in which they keep the works turning.

Radio Correspondence

Any Guide readers who have suggestions for Mr. Coats may address him in care of The Guide. They must not expect replies, as he has not time to handle a large volume of correspondence. He will be glad at all times to receive suggestions and information, and will make use of what he can. Those wishing to ask technical questions should refer to the Radio Question Box Department, elsewhere on this page.—Editor of The Guide.

Tie-In Broadcasts

W. F. T.—Two microphones are used in the studio at CKY. One of these is connected with our own amplifier and transmitting apparatus. The other connects with the long-distance phone wires to Regina, through an input amplifier, located in our studio. Further amplification is applied at the Regina end before transmission from CKCK. The Robert Simpson Co.'s programs are being broadcast from both stations simultaneously by this method every second Thursday evening. A test was made with CFCN, Calgary, on Saturday night, February 27. W. W. Grant reported that the test was satisfactory. It is likely that there will be many programs broadcast next season from all three stations.

Radio Question Box

Arrangements have been made with radio experts to answer any questions regarding radio which Guide readers may wish to ask. Number your questions and send 25 cents for each question, and a self-addressed and stamped envelope. This fee is paid to the experts for answering questions. Address your letters: Radio Question Box, The Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg.

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I have a four-tube set, giving two stages of radio frequency, detector and one stage of audio. The set works fine but does not have enough volume on most stations. The battery connections are marked as follows: 6 volts A, 22½ B, and 45 B. Would placing more than 45 volts of B on the last connection increase the volume and how much would it be advisable to use?—A. P.

By placing 90 volts "B" battery on your stage of audio frequency amplification, you will increase the volume of this set. You really need an additional stage, in the form of a separate power tube unit, to work the loud speaker satisfactorily. This set is not designed for great volume, being more of a distance getter.

Expensive Broadcasting

A Winnipegger visiting in Chicago has sent me a clipping from a newspaper published in that city. Here is what it says: "At least one clue was given as to the cost of the various church radiocasts, when from WHT the announcer for the Chicago Tabernacle service stated during his appeal, that their radio bill is something like $600 a Sunday." CKY's charges for publicity concerts are only $20 per hour, and there is usually no charge for church services. If the news clipping is correct, it does not look as if freedom of the air tends to keep prices down. I believe there are some dozens of stations in or near Chicago.

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RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. Write your answers in pen and ink, using one side of the paper only. Put your name and address and the name of this paper in the upper right-hand corner, stating whether Mr., Mrs. or Miss. Put anything else you wish to write on a separate sheet. Do not send fancy, drawn or typewritten entries.

2. Contestants must be 15 years or over. Employees of Sterling Hosiery Mills Ltd., friends or relatives of employees and anyone connected with the company are not allowed to compete.

3. Contestants will be permitted to submit as many as three answers to the puzzle but only one can be awarded a prize.

4. If different members of a family compete only one prize will be awarded in a family or household.

5. The final awards will be made by a committee of three Toronto gentlemen who have no connection with this firm. Their names will be made known to all contestants. Contestants must agree to abide by the decisions of this committee. The prizes will be awarded according to the number of points gained by each entry. 200 points, which is the maximum, will take first prize. Ten points will be awarded for each word of the mystery message correct, 20 points for general neatness and appearance of the entry, 10 for handwriting and 60 for fulfilling the conditions of the contest. The contest will close June 30, 1926, after which the judges will award the prizes. Entries should be forwarded promptly.

6. You will be notified by mail, immediately, if you have solved the mystery message correctly, and will be requested to fulfill a simple condition that need not cost you any money. The company agrees to reward you in addition to any prize you may win for every effort you put forth furthering popularity of Sterling Hosiery.

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HOW HE DECIPHERED IT

His Pa and Ma wanted to know what the message meant but Willie wouldn't tell them. He told them how he worked it out to see if they could do it too. He told them the message contained 11 words, each little group of letters representing a word. Start by writing the alphabet down from A to Z and number each letter beginning at Z first as number 1, Y2, X3, W4, and so on. Then change the letters of the mysterious message into numbers by finding which number each letter represents. Then you must write down another alphabet numbering it the right way A number 1, B2, C3, D4, and so on. Change the numbers back into letters by finding the letter corresponding to that number. In order to help them he told them the first word was "It". Decipher the complete message if you can and send your answer right away to compete for the big prizes.

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Pools Distribute $37,000,000

First interim payment puts this amount in circulation

ON March 9, 190,000 checks, worth $37,000,000 were placed in the mails by the wheat pools of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This sum represents the first interim payment on grains delivered by pool members during the present crop year. At the same time the following official statement was issued from the Winnipeg offices of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers Limited, by President A. C. McPhail:

"The wheat pools in the three provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, are making an interim payment today of 20 cents per bushel on all grades of wheat. On coarse grains a payment of six cents per bushel is being made on oats and barley, 10 cents on rye, and 25 cents on flax. As a result of this distribution the initial payment on the different grains on and after March 11 will be: Wheat, $1.20, basis No. 1 northern, Fort William; oats, 40 cents, basis 2 C.W., Fort William; barley, 56 cents, basis 3 C.W., Fort William; flax, $1.75, basis 1 N.W., Fort William; rye, 80 cents, basis 2 C.W., Fort William.

"Approximately 190,000 cheques will be mailed from the three provincial offices today, amounting to a total of about $37,000,000."

The initial payment made on pool deliveries after March 10 will be equal to the combined initial and interim payments on the different kinds and grades of grain. Revised price lists have been mailed to all elevator companies.

Of the total amount distributed, over $25,000,000 went to Saskatchewan. The standing of the pool in that province on March 3 was 72,074 contracts, representing 9,599,355 acres, or about 75 per cent. of the wheat acreage. There are now 35,157 members of the coarse grains pool, with contracts controlling 2,737,429 acres.

It was stated by Mr. McPhail that there are many growers' certificates still outstanding. These are chiefly for coarse grain deliveries, and it will be necessary for them to be sent in before further payment can be made. Some interim payment coupons for the crop of 1924 have recently been received as well as some old participation certificates of the Canada Wheat Board issued in 1919.

New Zealand Farmers' Union

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which they held for the inevitable demand. There was no regulation of supplies and most of our annual production was sold in the first six months of the producing year and left us nothing to sell for the other six months.

In the months of December, January and February, we shipped 1,014,650 boxes of butter, or nearly half our annual production (1923). In the case of cheese we shipped in December, January, February and March, 477,787 crates of cheese, or considerable more than half our annual production. Under the old system there was no method of altering this state of things. The consequence, of course, that when butter was low in price it was ours to sell, and when the price went up it belonged to the speculator.

However, we have now got both our Meat and Butter Control Boards, and it is our own fault if we do not get all there is in it as far as the wholesale price is concerned.

The Meat Bill was passed in February, 1922, and we have had time to get results. The third annual report will show what the board has done.

As the board makes all freight contracts for the carriage of the whole of the Dominion's frozen meat, it is able to direct the quantity of meat that shall be shipped each month. By this means it has been able to obviate the great glut of supplies which was a feature of pre-war days, with its consequent variations in price. These great fluctuations in prices were certainly not beneficial to producers, nor did the consumer in Great Britain receive benefit from them. The whole idea behind the regulation of shipments by the board is to keep a steady flow of meat going to the British market over the twelve months of the year, and not to hold back supplies in order to create higher prices, with their consequent slump. To keep up our connection on the British market we must have a continuity of supplies going forward. This applies to all markets, particularly foodstuffs.

Regulates Shipments

The board makes its shipping arrangements for the supply of freight to suit the killing months, and also the requirements of the Smithfield Market. These shipping arrangements must be made months before the loading dates, so as to enable the shipping companies to provide the vessels. It will be readily realized that a great many factors must be taken into consideration before the board can come to a decision as to the amount of shipping tonnage required each month. The whole position must be closely surveyed, local climatic conditions having an important bearing on the position.

The records of prices since the board commenced to regulate supplies show how level they have been, and it is satisfactory to note from the report of the Royal Food Commission which has recently sat in London, that the board, through its regulation of shipments, has succeeded in reducing the activities of speculators, which were so detrimental to our trade in the past. Fluctuations in prices do not benefit the consumer and are taken advantage of by the speculator. What the farmer wants is a stabilized price for his product.

In regulating shipments as it has done, the board has taken a serious responsibility, but the results show that the policy of the board in this direction has been fully justified. Having a continual steady flow of meat going on to the British market over the twelve months of the year is a recognized advantage to the home trade and to the shipping companies, and in its effect in stabilizing the market is a great gain to the producers of this country.

Reductions in Costs

The policy of the board since its inception has been to obtain the highest net prices for the producers of this dominion. Although it may be said that some of the reduction in costs which have come into existence since the board was formed, may have eventuated in the ordinary way, still it will be generally conceded that most of the concessions obtained would not have eventuated had it not been for the activities of the board and the powers it possesses. Since its inception, the board has obtained reductions in ocean freights amounting to £967,000 yearly. The board's resolution in respect to the retention of lambs' kidneys and kidney fat, alone means a considerable gain to farmers. Freezing companies have also co-operated by substantial reductions in freezing charges. There have also been considerable reductions in insurance, railway rates, London charges, etc.

The Dairy Control Board has not as yet had time to do a great deal to help the dairy farmer, but they have announced that they propose to take absolute control on August 1, 1926. Vested interests are, of course, moving heaven and earth to try and prevent the board taking this action. There is a lot of money being spent in propaganda and other ways, and it is quite possible that the government may be induced to reverse their decision. Producers are trusting, however, that the board will be allowed to carry out the policy, and a very large majority of the dairy farmers are quite convinced that we shall be able to prove that co-operative control of marketing is just as good as we think it to be.

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The Treasure of Ho

By L. Adams Beck

(Continued from last week)

What Has Happened so Far

John Mallerdean, whose ancestors had also lived in China, worked in the Customs office. He went up into the mountains for a holiday, accompanied by his servant, Yin. There, in the Temple of August Peace, he met a priest who called him by name, and who told him that he recognized him by the locket he wore. That night Mallerdean had a curious experience. He saw as in a dream, yet seeming conscious, the scene enacted many years before, in which his ancestor, John Mallerdean, killed his young wife rather than leave her to the mercy of an evil man, Vernon, who had managed to get Mallerdean, his wife and her father, Keith, into his own hands. Vernon was seeking treasures which had been given by the Chinese Emperor to Mallerdean and Keith for valuable services. Vernon wanted to marry Dorothy Keith, but she had been secretly married to Mallerdean several years before. There was a child, a girl, by this marriage. In the morning the priest told John Mallerdean that what he had seen in this vision had actually happened many years before. John left the temple, determined to find some trace of the daughter of the former John Mallerdean, and to help recover the treasure that rightly belonged to his family.

CHAPTER II

WHEN I came down into Peking from the Temple of August Peace the plunge into daily life and work was startling. I had been living with visions and the atmosphere pursued me. By a marvel of Buddhist lore the past had been reproduced for me as in a speaking picture and the thing made me restless. I had always taken an interest in the occult writings of the Taoists and other mystery teachers, and now I set to work in earnest that I might understand, if possible, the singular thing that had befallen me. I sought the company of such Chinese scholars as work in these underground passes of truth, and many and strange were the things I encountered, but none that specially fitted my own experience. It did not occur to me then that they were withholding knowledge for which they did not judge me fitted. It is very difficult in the Orient to find the key for the lock that guards the Mysteries. I was so hard-worked that heaven knows I ought to have had no time for all this, but I made it, and in all I did there walked ghostly beside me the vision of "a girl with black hair and eyes like sapphires," as the priest had described her—eyes beautiful, memory-haunted and very strange among her own people. Was there something in her nature, also, exotic as those blue eyes which made her an alien in spirit? If so, how pitiable might be her fate, how tragic her doom! She haunted me, for in her veins ran drops of my own blood and we Mallerdeans have always been staunch clansmen. Woe be to the man who lays a little finger on one of the clan. There were never many of us and we hold together, and as a matter of fact that girl and I were the only two left of the Devon Mallerdeans, and for any others I care nothing. Sentiment perhaps, but family sentiment goes a long way. And there was more to it than that. There were the pearls, the grass-green emeralds, the jade and other splendors hidden away in the dusty loft behind the colossal head of the Buddha, and I wanted these things for myself as the next heir of the Mallerdeans, the John Mallerdean who now represented the man so wickedly done to death. I think that desire was not unreasonable. But she came first and therefore the question of her life or death was one of immense moment to me.

I made careful notes of all I had gathered from the priest. First, came the daughter of John Mallerdean. His wife had been a Keith of Keith, and there is no better blood in the world. In musty mercantile records at Canton, I discovered that a Colonel Keith had been known there in the eighteenth century trading in furs and ivories. From Scotch friends I ascertained that a Colonel Keith, of Cumbrae, had sailed from Leith for China six years before—his wife a daughter of the Lauderdales. John Mallerdean's daughter was well born at all events! After her parents' murder she had been "placed in the honorable family of Wang." And "in her fifteenth year she was wedded to a great minister." That was all, my sole information. I had, of course, the jade dragon and my knowledge of events at the temple, but common sense told me that all this was a hopeless sort of business to start on. Her marriage would probably be the most outstanding event of her life. I turned my speculations in that direction first.

Allowing the murders to have taken place at the end of 1799, that would bring us to about 1815 for her marriage as near as I could guess. The girl I now was looking for might easily be her great-great-granddaughter, for China marries early, a Chinese girl lost in the tremendous space of the Chinese empire among the million Li who figure in that clan. It was a pretty hopeless lookout. I sent a message to the priest to ask if he could give me any clew to the Li family in Peking, and had for answer that he had heard they occupied a house at one time near the Ilsi Yuan, the Western Park. I went at once to that quarter and could not hear that any such people had been known there. Of course to a Chinese conversant with the history of his Court the marriage of a great minister with a foreign bride might be possible to trace, but on the other hand, it was quite possible that the story of her birth might not be generally known. If she had powerful protectors they would very likely conceal it, especially in the lifetime of the Emperor Chia Ching, who had no reason to love John Mallerdean. Then, she must have had a Chinese upbringing for she was but two years old when she passed into the hands of the Wang people and to them I had no clue whatever, and Wangs are as common in China as Smiths among the English-speaking peoples.

Why, the girl may never have known her own story—very likely did not; and if the marriage excited no comment it must have long ago slipped into the dust of ages except for some dim record in a family history I could never know.

And yet I was firmly resolved that the matter should not drop. I was up against it somehow, even apart from the money involved. And I had quite unusual chances in my almost unique acquaintance with Chinese ways and means, for there was not another man in Peking at the time who had so many native acquaintances and could come and go as I could. That helps all the time in a country that is really a sealed book yet.

But Peking loomed before me vast, mysterious, sinister, shut against a foreigner who wishes to probe into any sort of mystery. Unless indeed he had money to spend lavishly and astutely, and that was very far from my case.

Eighteen months went by and I knew no more than the day I left the temple, and still the thing haunted me. The impression strengthened instead of fading. I would sit and stare at the small jade dragon which the dead woman had worn about her neck, beautiful and precious with the vein of rose jade that cut into the purest green, and wish for some Buddhist enchantment to make it speak and declare its hidden history. I would take out John Mallerdean's watch from its outer and separate case of gold, with the Mallerdean arms richly embossed upon it, the cross with the four smaller crosses in its spaces. These things possessed me. They set my mind working like a mole in every underground direction that could lead anywhere. But always sooner or later I was up against the impossible. What could I do?

It was one day as I sat with the watch and locket before me that it struck me as strange that the locket should be empty. A man who so loved his wife and could so seldom see her would surely carry her picture about with him. I touched the spring as I had touched it a hundred times before and looked at the empty ovals within. It was of English workmanship—some trinket he had brought out when he came to China, old and worn, the

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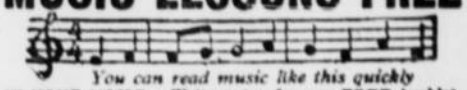

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engraving faint on it, but nothing—no clue. I was just going to put the things away in my dispatch box, when Mutrie, a man I knew well, came charging into the room to ask me to go out with him to the race-course, and with the instinct of hiding them—I don't know why, but I never could bear anyone to see them—I tried to snatch up the watch and dropped the whole show on the bare floor, and clumsily set my foot on the locket.

"By George, you've done it properly this time!" said Mutrie. "If that's your best girl she won't forgive you in a hurry!"

He pointed. The gold was bent and dented, the little glass ovals were smashed, but the breakage had revealed two inner ovals hidden beneath the outer ones, unglazed because they were thus protected. And in one was the miniature of a girl and in the other of a child.

Then it rushed on me. Of course John Mallerdean would hide them. The marriage was secret, the birth of the child was secret. But in this way he could feast his eyes on the dear faces, and who in the world could suspect that the empty locket carried his life!

But that was no time for thought. I "drew in my heart," as the Chinese say, and made nothing of it to Mutrie. I had it safely in the dispatch box, and we were talking of horses five minutes after, and we went off to the race-course, and I put the thing resolutely away from me until I got back to my diggings in the street near the French Legation, and locked my door and got the treasures out once more. I pulled the electric light close and began to study the faces.

The girl's I knew at once. It was stamped on my mind by the frightful scenes I had witnessed at the temple. Not strictly beautiful, but lovely, pale and sweet and infinitely tender, the large soft eyes looked out with a transparent candour that must have wrung the heart of the man who loved her in secret. The brown hair was piled high on her head in the fashion of the time, and a little Puritan muslin crossover hid the spring of the delicate throat from the bosom, and the only ornament she wore a gold chain sustaining the jade dragon that lay before me on the table. The utmost pains had been taken with that costly mark of the Emperor's favor, whereby I judged the artist to be Chinese. Somehow, looking at the face lying before me—so gentle, so womanly—and knowing the frightful doom that had caught and crushed her, the piteousness of the story moved me more than I like to say. I turned to the child.

A handsome child—not a bit like the mother, dark and vivid. I should say with any amount of inborn character and energy. I opened the locket I myself always wore and laid it beside the others—the man with powdered hair, handsome and haughty with his straight black brows and queue tied with black ribbon, and the ship faintly indicated behind him.

John Mallerdean and his daughter! I would swear to it in any court of law. No mistaking the child's straight black brows, and firm, beautifully cut mouth and rebellious hair. The only thing she had of her mother was the blue eyes under those noticeable brows, and on these the artist had insisted because of their unusualness. He had made them bluer, I think, than they could have been in life, a deep gentian blue. But they had her father's expression, strong and proud. I would wager that the great Minister of State who married that young lady found no docile Chinese wife behind the veil when for the first time he raised it. What had her fate been, with those eyes and that English blood burning in her, and all the cruel precedents of China pressing upon her young head! I did not like to think. I put the things away, more profoundly resolved than ever to track down this strange family history to its end, bitter or sweet.

But the big outer world was now to take a hand in my affairs.

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been born and brought up in China knew well that 1900 was believed by them to be a year marked out for misfortune. It opened with evil astronomical omens, a state of affairs likely to bring its own fulfilment. And Shantung was seething with the "Plum Blossom Fists," as the Boxers were originally called. There was certainly big trouble brewing, but all the foreigners continued hopeful and unbelieving. The Old Buddha, as the Chinese called the Dowager Empress, had never shown herself so amiable. She had received the ladies of the diplomatic corps, a thing unheard of, and had dismissed them charmed with her beautiful gifts, her candid gentleness, and what they were pleased to call the girlish abandon of her delightful manner. And it was she who held the key of the crisis, for the weak Emperor, whom she had put on the throne, was a trembling puppet in her hands. Who could fear anything? Nevertheless, hordes of Boxers poured into Peking. Providentially there were men in the legations who knew the August Aunt (as she was also called) better, though, when it was announced that a guard of foreign troops was due from Tientsin to strengthen the legations, many wise heads were sorely distressed, fearing the Empress would be pained by the want of confidence thus displayed. Pained! Good God!

But I must not dwell on the outside history of the time. It is only as it bears on my own extraordinary quest that I must touch it. So I will simply say that when the storm broke every European man, woman and child was ordered into the legations for the bare chance of life, and the very people who had scorned the precautions were the first to hurry in.

Peking was in the hands of the Empress and the Boxers. It is then the Orient becomes terrible. One cannot tell how the Oriental mind is working, and frightful dreams of unspeakable sins and cruelties possess the soul. The chief called on us all in the service to collect and safeguard the records, shut down the business and go in with the rest. Perfectly right and reasonable, but my mind was made up before the crash came. I knew exactly what was due, better than many of the big bugs, and no credit to me. A man has a pull who is born and raised in China and speaks Manchu as well as Hakka, that queer halfway-house tongue between the far-apart languages of the North and South, the southern Cantonese and the Mandarin of Peking and the North. Mandarin, of course, I spoke fluently, for that was in my daily work. But that was not all, by any means. When you remember that my people had been doing their bit in China for more than a century and a half it is nothing to write home about if we Mallerdeans know a little more of the Chinese mind than the Johnny Raw who comes out via Singapore and Shanghai with his mouth and eyes at full stretch and himself like wax in the hands of the first cunning Chinese comprador who takes the trouble to gull him. You're not afraid of a fellow, you understand, and I knew by instinct when the Chinese were spoofing or when it was time to stand from under. I had now revolved all this and said at once that I would stay outside and do what I could in the interests of our department and otherwise while the siege lasted.

Well, of course, they talked when it came to that. My chief sent for me and said it was entirely unusual and that I was a hot-headed fool who should know better at thirty. And when his breath and patience both petered out I said a siege of the legations was also unusual and that I had reasons. I was asked to state them.

Then I weighed in. I pointed out that it might be very handy for the besieged to have a friend outside with rather special means of conveying news. That, as he himself knew, I had once passed quite successfully for a Manchu from Sungaria under rather queer circumstances. That I had seen quite a bit of life in Chinese dress, and had spent two summers in Mongolia before I was broken in at the Customs. Lots of fellows in the Indian Civil Service know twice as many tongues as I, still it was helpful.

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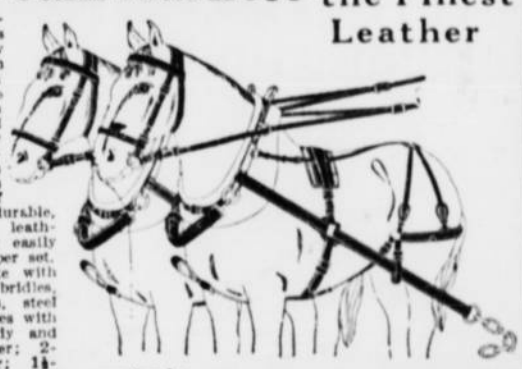

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I also mentioned that I thought the Manchu dynasty was going to have troubles apart from those it was asking for. A race of conquerors from the North, they have always despised the Chinese as their subjects, and I felt pretty sure—but that comes later.

He replied that the Japanese had the best information and the best means of getting it of any of the Powers, and that they, more than any others, insisted on the frightful dangers. He also wanted to know (ironically) whether I had ever heard of "the lingering death" and cared to run the risk of that specially Chinese invention. I told him I had not only heard of it but had seen it, and had no intention of being the star of such a show. That any sensible person who is around when China is on the move, invariably has a little cyanide of potassium handy in case of difficulties, and that I really believed that might prove as easy a way out as many of them would be likely to have behind the legation walls. In a word, I would take the responsibility. He agreed finally, for he saw the point of an outside friend who knew the ropes, and the next day they all went in, and I stayed out, and a very queer time began.

Of course my initial plans were made beforehand. I went back to my diggings, put on my Chinese dress—no queue necessary at that time—slung the jade dragon about my neck where it would not meet the eye, put John Mallerdean's watch and appendages in a bag about my waist, with what ready money I had been able to get from the bank, now shut down, and went off to Yang Lien's big house in the western quarter. I remember that I met Mutrie on his way to the legation with another man I knew, and they were babbling about all this being a flash in the pan. It would be over in a few days, and the Empress would learn her lesson and the new era of civilization and commerce come in with a rush.

Would it? I thought I knew better. Anyhow they little guessed that the tall Chinese who bowed politely as he passed them on Hata-men Street was John Mallerdean and a colleague. I never saw Mutrie again. He was shot a week later.

But who was Yang Lien?

A great man, a statesman, a friend of the Empress, loyal and true, until he dared to point out that her mad belief in the Boxers as the weapon for ridding China of the foreigner, would lead her into troubles that would end sooner or later in the ruin of the dynasty. A man of high blood and courage and integrity to match, and a friend of my dead father and of myself.

I had known him since I was a youngster, when my father, taking me by the hand, marched me off to this great house and presented me in these words:

"Excellency, here is a boy to carry on the tradition of the Mallerdeans and with it the respect and affection due to your house which has ever befriended and protected mine since there was a Mallerdean in China."

And he, receiving me very kindly, put his hand on my small head and replied:

"My friend, in memory of that great deed done by your ancestor in rescuing mine from the floods of the Yangtze-Kiang and of the friendship between your family and mine from that day, I accept this boy as heir to it and my hand shall not fail him at need. He shall be as my son."

I looked up into the fine middle-aged face clear and serene as if cut in old ivory, the very epitome of all that is aristocratic in birth and nature, and liked what I saw. After that his doors were always open to me, and that led to other matters which played their part in my great adventure. Now I went straight off to ask his advice and follow it. I need hardly say I had my own quest full in view. In this mighty upheaval many hidden things might come to the suface. There is nothing like fishing in troubled waters.

Impossible to describe my astonishment when I found the big courtyard full of Boxers and Kansuh soldiery. The orderly precincts looked like a camp of gipsies and ruffians, and a moment's anxiety seized me lest my good friend had gone mad with the rest and joined the Empress's party. But it would take a lot to make me believe his calm good sense had run amuck like that. I drew my coat closer about me to avoid the filthy ruffians, as any Chinese gentleman might do, and walked on through the narrow lane they had left to the house.

No one from the very ordinary street outside and the blind front presented to it could have guessed the really beautiful sight within. Yang Lien's family had been wealthy for the last two centuries and he himself was the third Minister of State it had produced. The court was nobly planted with trees—the trees that modify the stern secrecy of Peking as you look down from the surrounding walls of the city, and the main building lay well back, approached by handsome stone steps. Inside, a delicious coolness modified the summer heat, for the rooms were very large and lofty, built with a view to light and air, and, though not crowded, magnificiently furnished with rarest specimens of the craftman's art in carved woods and priceless lacquer. The hangings in the first reception room were of rich silk of imperial yellow (by special favor of the Emperor) nobly embroidered with flying phoenixes and dragons, and ancient bronzes were relieved against them with gigantic porcelain urns and basins in which flowers and dwarfed trees were growing delightfully. Being summer, the magnificent carpets I knew well had been taken up and replaced with floor coverings of woven bamboo peelings delicately painted—cool and clean. Nothing more austerely beautiful could be imagined than this great room where many of the greatest Chinese statesmen had often met for two hundred years to discuss her affairs. It looked into a private garden whereof more later. Needless to say I had never seen the women's wing of the house, though I knew from Yang Lien, and from his son Yang Lu that besides the first and secondary wives, there were four fair daughters of the house.

I sent in my Chinese card by the servants at the door. I should, of course, have properly sent a sheet of red paper before me with the words "Your servant desires to bow his head before you and to offer you his respects," but there had been no time for this and I judged that the omission might be pardoned at such a time. The answer came quickly: "It will give me pleasure and I beg the guest to enter."

Immediately the two centre leaves of the door were flung open in my honor, and I entered the hall, finding the master, Yang Lien, ready to receive me at the foot of the short staircase leading to the room I have described.

He was an old man now, but a beautiful one, more dignified, stately and calm than ever.

The wildest imagination could not picture any man venturing on a liberty with this great Chinese gentleman. He gave and expected studied courtesy, and to me, whom he had known from a boy, his greeting was as ceremonious as to a distinguished stranger, and though I knew he had a sincere affection for me, it never infringed upon that fine dignity. I liked it—I liked it still better than the coarse rough and ready familiarity of the West. I will, however, spare the honorifies in our talk, but he motioned to me to precede him, though I protested, and he then followed me into the room. Many bows were exchanged; with the rich silk of his robe he dusted the spotless seat of the chair I was to occupy. I did the same for his. I bowed to my chair before I sat in it, and we both finally took our places.

Naturally I waited for him to speak. His face was sad and careworn, there were deep lines about the eyes. I had not seen him for a couple of months and the change was marked.

"My son," he said at length, "you are come in a sad time, yet a good one, for I have wished to see you. My heart is heavy for friends in danger, and it has dwelt most of all on you. There is a dark hour at hand. Nay, it is here already."

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"I do not disguise it, but I have good reasons."

His innate courtesy forbade enquiries. He looked thoughtfully at me for a moment, and then said with perfect serenity:

"My son, you should know my position, that you may judge whether you can speak with freedom. To you I know I may speak safely. You have known me high in favor at the Palace. The Motherly Countenance (the Empress) has ever been turned on me with benevolence. Now, it is so no longer. Her Majesty is possessed with the belief that in the Boxers lies the hope of deliverance for our country, and since I have ventured to lay the truth before her, a cloud has passed before the sun and I live in darkness."

He paused and I dared not speak. I knew he had a sincere affection for the Empress. Strange and terrible woman! I have never known one who had known her well who could resist her charm. None could explain it. None could resist it. There had not been a moment, there was not now, in which Yan Lien would not have laid down his life, not only to save hers, but to rescue her from any mistake political or private.

"These men you see in the courtyard," he resumed, "are there by no will of mine. The very sight of them is to me as the precipice to the tiger at bay. But it is the will of her Majesty that they should be fed and sheltered and I obey, though I see in them the curse of my country. Look at them (he pointed to the circular side window)! It is this rabble that is believed to have magic powers, to be under the direct protection of the divinities, and this when you may go out and see their dead bodies lying in the street where the foreign troops entering to guard the legations shot them! It is as if a madness had descended upon our greatest. The Emperor, her nephew, is a helpless puppet in her hands."

"But surely, most honored," I ventured to say, "the Empress herself cannot believe in their magic?"

"Cannot she!" He laughed bitterly. "She repeats the Boxer charm seventy times daily: 'I am the Spirit of the cold cloud, behind me lies the Deity of fire. Invoke the black gods of pestilence.' And every time she repeats it her chief attendant shouts: 'There goes one more foreign devil!' What is to be done in such a case? I saw her Majesty last night and even her divine wisdom was so beclouded as to say: 'The foreigners are like fish in the stewpan. For years have I lain on brushwood and eaten bitterness because of them, nursing my revenge. Have I not hidden my hatred? Did I not invite their women to my Palace? But now, if the country will hold together, their defeat is certain.' I tried in my humility to lay the truth before her august feet, but she would not hear me and I came sorrowful away. Therefore—"

But, interrupting him, there came with awful suddenness the great boom of guns. The bombardment of the legations had begun. He turned away and hid his face with his sleeve, for a moment, and I dared not intrude upon his thoughts. A great tumult followed amongst the rabble in the courtyard, wild cries of rejoicing, the shrieks and yells of devils let loose. I listened with terrible forebodings, not for myself, but for my friends within those ill-protected walls, and for Peking itself—and worse.

Presently he turned to me, composed as ever.

"My son, you now know the facts. Her august Majesty will proceed in her course until she learns by the bitter experience which alone dares be truthful with great rulers. Now, knowing I am in the shadow of her disfavor, is it still your wish to tell me your reasons for remaining in this bloody tumult? Do you still care to trust to the protection of a fallen man? If so, speak in the sure knowledge that what counsel and help I can give are yours."

Now this was an extraordinary generosity. He had put his life in my hand by his criticism of the Empress. Well, he knew his man and I knew mine, and then and there spoke out. Of course I had sounded him long ago as to the marriage of the Mallerdean girl with a high Minister of State, but as he appeared to know nothing I had let the matter drop and it was long forgotten. Now, however, It was better to be perfectly open and take the view of one who knew the China of both worlds—the aristocratic and the peasant.

I begged one half hour of his precious time, and when he agreed, with the unwearying courtesy of the true Chinese gentleman, I told him the strange story of my vision at the Temple of the August Peace and the intention that sprang from it. Part of the story was not new to him. Like all high officials of old descent he knew a great deal more than I did myself of the secret services of the former John Mallerdean to the Emperor Ch'ien Lung, the greatest of the Manchus. I had often picked up most interesting bits of information from him on this head, enough to give me hope of chronicling some day my forebear's amazing adventures. Colonel Keith's name he knew also. But when I came to my vision in the Temple, he, listening with grave attention, unconsciously drew his chair nearer mine and leaned forward in intense interest. Not by a word, a breath did he interrupt, however. Even when the story was finished he observed the deliberate silence of the well-bred Oriental who must avoid haste and emotion as marks of the low-born who neither know nor follow the Rites which are the guide of Chinese life.

Finally, since I also was silent, he spoke calmly.

"This story interests more than yourself. As a man pulling on a silken thread may draw a great rope to his hand, so you with this slender clue have opened great matters. Prepare yourself to hear what will surprise you."

I bowed and thanked him, but first ventured the question whether he had ever seen or heard of this strange Buddhist art of perpetuating the pictures of the past, and whether he thought I might rely on what I had been told.

It was curious to hear his quiet voice dealing with hidden things and punctuated by the coarse shouts and laughter of the Boxer troops in the courtyard.

"My son, undoubtedly you may believe. There are temples in the North, more than one, where the Emperors and high officials thus may see the past recorded while the mind of man may see the picture of his future, but of this I will not now speak. And of what you saw a part is known to me to be true. Now hear me. The Emperor Ch'ien Lung in his later days exalted to the highest honors a man named Ho, risen

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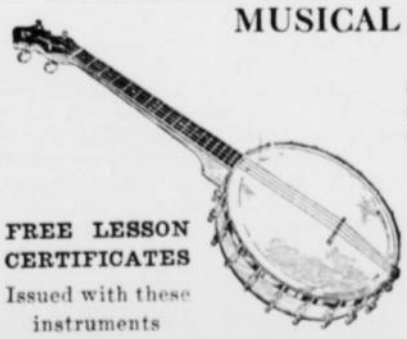

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from the people, but well taught and of a swift brain. In the imperial service this Ho amassed such wealth that to this day he is remembered as the richest man in China. And the man who served this Ho and did his will far and near was your ancestor, John Mallerdean. It was through John Mallerdean that negotiations were opened with the English that finally led to their first mission being sent to Peking in 1795. So if Ho was a great man John Mallerdean was 'a small great man,' and he carried the Emperor's tablet of gold and went where he would on the errands of the Emperor and Ho, and great was his power with the English traders at Canton. But John Mallerdean had many enemies, because his master Ho grew so great that even the imperial princes feared him. It is the truth that to Ho's son the Emperor gave an imperial princess for bride, and such an honor is like the too heavy fruit that breaks the branch it grows on, so, it was known that Ho would not be long in following when the aged Emperor should die. Ho himself knew this, and it is told that for years before the Emperor Ch'ien Lung ascended on the dragon (died) he had been gradually conveying a part of his great wealth into hiding in a temple unknown. And among that wealth was the mighty pearl known as 'The Glorious Good Omen' which excelled even the pearl worn in the imperial hat, which is called 'The Azure Dragon Instructing Posterity,' and also many noble rounded emeralds brought five hundred years ago across the desert from the Ural Mountains—emeralds of a value beyond purchase. And much beside.''

I started. I had seen them. I knew where they lay now. The pearl of Good Omen I had not seen.

''You know them,'' he continued calmly. ''It is well. Never until this moment has any man known where Ho's vanished treasure lay. It is possible, even certain, that more must be hidden than you saw. It is known, for it is recorded in the imperial edict announcing Ho's disgrace, that he possessed two hundred pearl neck chains, more than three thousand rubies of the greatest size, jewelled trees of coral and more than I can recall. But it is also recorded that much of this had vanished when the men of the Emperor plundered his hoards, nor did any man know by what means he had sent these costly matters into safety. Now the truth is before me. It was by the hand of John Mallerdean who, having the golden pass of the Emperor Ch'ien Lung, could go where he would.''

He paused and I meditated deeply. The Keiths—how did the Keiths come into the story? Could it be possible that part of the jewels were to have been sent to England for safety? Colonel Keith, if not John Mallerdean, was certainly bound for the Arrogant, a British warship. At all events it seemed—and here I own to a bit of disappointment—that the treasure after all was not John Mallerdean's. He was but an agent, it appeared. That discovery might have far-reaching consequences. I was about to speak when we saw the ruffians outside gathering their weapons and streaming out into the street, yelling like wild beasts famishing for blood. The frightful cries of men and women shrieking in vain for mercy answered them. Even Yang Lien sprang to his feet, and I made a rush for the door—mad to help somehow. He caught me by the coat, his face the color of death.

''Stay here. Stir not on your life!'' he said sternly. ''I must go to the Palace and see the Benevolent Mother. What is my life or the life of any if this massacre can be stopped? But no foreigner must be seen, or she will never intervene. I will shelter you while a roof remains to me; there is no other choice for you now.''

I implored him to delay if it were but for half an hour, for it was only too plain what was doing outside, but he put me quietly aside. Standing by the window I saw him hurrying through the Boxers who scarcely moved to make way for the old nobleman. It was evident that the displeasure of the Empress was commonly known already. I trembled for him—so short a step was it in China between power and death.

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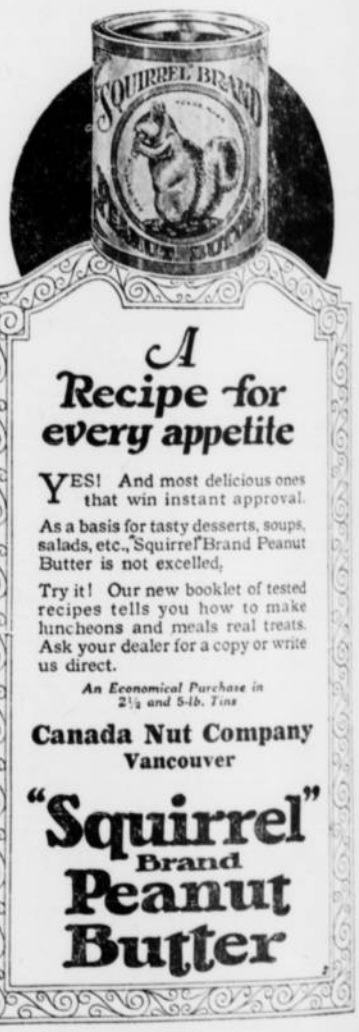

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The Countrywoman

The Lady Who Presides

At their annual convention this year the members of the Women's Section of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers elected as president, Mrs. G. Hollis, of Shaunavon. Mrs. Hollis has served since 1916 as a member of the Board of Directors of the W.S.G.G.A., and for the past two years as vice-president. She is not perhaps so widely known as some of the other officers, as circumstances have prevented her doing much organization work throughout the province, but she holds a very high place in the regard and goodwill of those who have been closely associated with her for her saneness of view, her logical thinking, her quiet and pleasing personality.

Like many others in Saskatchewan, Mrs. Hollis comes from the old land. She was born at North Shields on the banks of the Tyne. She came to Canada in March of 1914. Mrs. Hollis has said: "I suppose my reason for coming to Canada was that I had a brother here. At that time we never dreamed of war breaking out so soon. I had been trained as a teacher, so I went to a school at Shaunavon." There was a good reason for her remaining in Canada, for the next year she married George Hollis, an Englishman, a homesteader, at Shaunavon.

When asked by The Countrywoman to tell a little about herself, Mrs. Hollis consented to chat about her life before she came to this land: "My father was a Primitive Methodist minister, which means of course that we never spent more than three or four years in any one place. Most of my youth was spent in the northern counties of Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire. It was in Northumberland that most of my political and social ideas were formed. My father had a large colliery district with 20 villages in it to visit. I still have many vivid memories of the stories he told us of his work as he travelled. He interested us in stories of the beginnings of the miners' unions. Many of the leaders in that movement were local preachers and some of them were frequent visitors at our home. I remember seeing Thomas Burt, one of the first Labor M.P.'s, and Charlie Fenwick, who later became a member of parliament.

"My father was a great student. In my childhood and youth I breathed what might well be described as a 'booky' atmosphere. Current events were live subjects of conversation in our home. Darwinism, religion, science, new discoveries and politics, were every day subjects. While at Nottingham teaching, and while at Portsmouth in boarding school, I helped my father in arranging his book, The Philosophy of Spirit, which was published by Hodder and Stoughton, in 1914. My father was a student of Kant and Hegel, and these names with Hume, Fichte, Schelling, Plato, Aristotle, Locke, Huxley and La Place, were familiar ones in our home.

"Teaching was the work I chose. While in Harrogate, Yorkshire, I became a pupil teacher, and later spent two years at Darlington Training College. I spent several years in Nottingham teaching in a secondary school. I spent a year in Britanny studying French language and literature, and later I was in Normandy for a month.

"Before I left England I had the good fortune to take part in the suffrage movement, being a member of the W.S.P.U. (the millitant wing). I never managed to get sent to prison but took my share of heckling cabinet ministers. I even took part in a sandwich board parade. I think that required the most courage. I was put out of meetings several times by policemen. We often laugh about it now, but it was serious enough at the time, as the suffrage workers were in constant danger of rough usage. Orange skins, soft tomatoes, etc., are not pleasant missiles to have thrown at one."

If I Were Building Again

If I were building another farm house I believe that I would know exactly where mistakes had been made before, and would be ready to remedy such mistakes.

For instance most of the farm houses are not built for this climate. I know the one we live in would make an ideal California bungalo, as far as being substantial is concerned, not counting beauty and convenience by any means. It is right out on the prairie where it gets every breeze that blows. In fact some of the strongest of them go right on through.

Warm walls, warm floors, large, well-lighted basement, with storage rooms for vegetables, built-in tubs and ample room for lines for drying, windows that will really light the basement winter and summer, big cisterns would be other things I would plan for.

Mrs. G. Hollis
President of W.S.G.G.A.

I would have steps that one could climb without endangering life and limb to go to the outside and to the first floor. On the first floor there would be an immense living-room, with an old-fashioned fire-place that did not smoke in one end, and that would take a log three feet long. Houses all have such a few windows and are dismal on our short winter days so I would have more windows. Built-in features of every kind, bookcases, window-seats and cupboards would come next. In the dining-room there would be built-in cabinets for china and a built-in buffet. I would want hardwood floors for they make a home so attractive, nice light-colored floors that do not show every spot.

The kitchen would be my ideal of a kitchen, amply big for the farm house and with cabinets and cupboards for every purpose. There would be a kitchen sink of the proper height. Mine has always been too low for I am tall and lanky.

The kitchen would have a built-in ice-box that could be filled from the outside. My kitchen would be airy enough for once. It would be tiled and have a tile floor, which is so easily kept clean. Proper lighting from overhead and side lights, for I would not dream of building without installing electricity for lighting, cooking and running of labor-saving motors about the house.

Another room that I have always wanted should be a part of the new building. What woman has not wished that she had a sort of cloak and wash-room for the men folks, a room that could be well heated from the furnace in the winter so they could put their boots, socks and wet coats and mitts to dry in a place on purpose for that and not have them littering up the kitchen and sticking in the warming oven? In this house I would build there would always be an abundance of hot and cold water upstairs and down. In this cloak-room I would like a basin installed so the boys and men could wash somewhere else than at the kitchen sink.

A sort of den or gun-room would be another handy place I would have if I ever build, for my men folks are all gun mad, and have their guns all over the house. In this room would be a cabinet for the stuffed birds and animals they must have around, a gun cabinet that would lock so the youngest, who is of an investigating turn of mind, would not injure himself or others. Here could be placed the heads that are mounted and the skins that are made into rugs. A large couch and an easy chair or two would furnish this necessary room in a home where hunters abound.

The entrance hall would be roomy and have an open stairway of graceful style where I could use that old-fashioned grandfather's clock that I inherited, and have never had a place to keep. There must be a back-stairs as well, for they are very handy.

Upstairs there would be an abundance of bedrooms, not little two by fours or sixes as are in so many farm houses, but good, big rooms, with ample well-lighted clothes closets in all rooms. The wall space should be arranged so there is proper places for the beds. A good-sized bathroom, fully equipped, is a necessity to one's comfort and well-being. This should be tiled if possible.

In the upstairs I would plan to have a well-built airy room for a sewing-room. This would have the proper equipment, electric motor for machine, electric iron for pressing, ironing board in a cabinet, generous closets and cupboards and a linen closet built in as well.

Two sleeping balconies upstairs, with sun-parlor below, and well-screened, roomy veranda all about the house. A breakfast-room would be quite an addition to a farm house, but it should not be too small.

On the third floor I would like it finished off and a gymnasium put in for the boys. Here they could have their books and toys as well, and play to their heart's content. I suppose such a room should have sound-proof walls, but such walls can be made. In this room I would have a pool table as well as the equipment for gymnasium, then my boys would never want to go to the village pool hall. Half of the upstairs would be for store-room purposes and would be well ventilated.

I would have a furnace large enough to heat the entire house so that I would not have to wear my winter coat in order to make the beds, and dash away to bed at night as if I were an Artic explorer venturing into the Polar regions. When I build, which will be when my ship comes in, this is the kind of a home I would like.—Marilla R. Whitmore.

A Small House Well Filled

If I were building again, I should know exactly what I wanted. First and foremost, the house would not be too large, no larger than I could keep in perfect condition by myself, without it taking all my time, because getting efficient domestic help is always a problem. A larger house costs a good deal more in upkeep in the way of paint, varnish, curtains, and everything that goes to make a house beautiful.

My house would be built with the idea of keeping down expenses and work all the year round. For a family of four I would have five rooms downstairs, two bedrooms with bathroom

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By Edward Rowland Sill

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between the two, living-room and kitchen. I would have a large veranda, opening by French windows from the latter, using the veranda as a dining-room in summer and having meals in the kitchen in winter. We all gravitate to the kitchen stove in winter, anyway. Then I would have two rooms upstairs, with an unpretentious stairway, having a door at the bottom, the rooms to be used when we have extra help in the summer months or in case of emergency at any time, the door shutting them off in winter and saving fuel for extra heating.

The clothes cupboards in the bedrooms would be long and narrow, with a rod from end to end inside for clothes hangers in stead of square, as ours are. The linen cupboard, too, would be long and narrow, with shelves that one could see all over at once instead of diving into dark recesses at the back of a shelf a yard wide! In fact all the cupboards in the house would be made in the same way, thus taking up less room, and being much easier to work with.

One thing that I would never be without even in the smallest house, is a large tank for soft water in the cellar and a pump from this in the kitchen. This, to me, is one of the greatest savings of household work, always to have plenty of soft water at hand for all washing and cleaning purposes.

Another thing I would plan for would be to have everything under one roof and on one foundation, if possible. Our pantry and back entrance are built out from the back of the house, and do not come over the cellar, with the result that in severe weather, things left in either place freeze, making extra work at night in moving things that we need to use in the morning.

Some time ago, I read an article on building, and though I cannot remember who wrote it, one sentence has stayed in my memory, and that is: "It is not fair to children to bring them up in a house without an open fireplace." When I think of the stories told me and the pictures seen in the glowing coals of the open fire in my own childhood, I feel sorry that my own two boys will not have the same memories to carry with them in their journey through life. I would build a fireplace now with bookcases built-in on either side, so that the friends we want most in leisure hours would be always at hand.

My essay, if condensed, would resolve itself into this: Build a house so compact and convenient that you will have lots of time to spend out of it, spending what you can to make it perfect and complete inside so that it will be a pleasure to come back to it.—Mrs. F. J. Curiston.

Our Ottawa Letter

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if the present government is going to have power to carry out any sort of a program. Donald Kennedy, Progressive member of the smuggling committee, has also conscientiously remained in Ottawa, and has been continuing his own quiet investigation into the documents and records filed in the case.

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No Coalition—But Harmony

It is made very plain by the Progressives that there is no idea of a coalition in the present co-operation with the government. The cabinet accepts responsibility for every item of legislation brought down in the House, and prepares that legislation. None of the cabinet's powers have been delegated to or accepted by the Progressives, though there is the expectation in some quarters that should the legislation prove successful, the government will have the credit, while if it should fail the blame will be sloughed off on the Progressives.

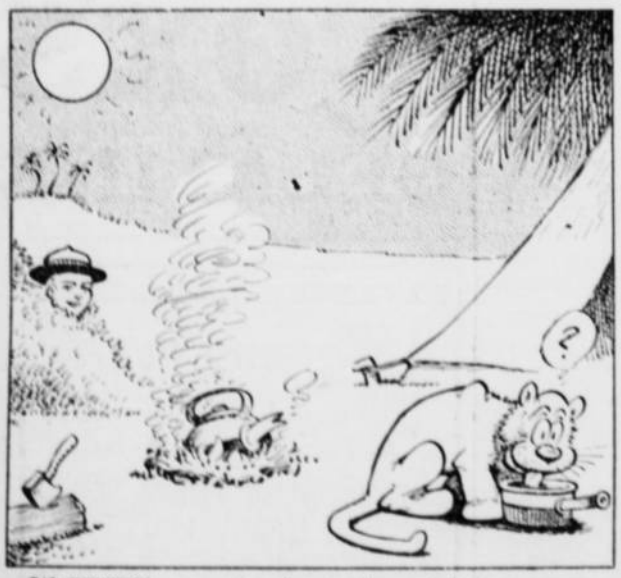
Nevertheless, the utmost harmony prevails between the members of the government and the Progressives. Getting their feet under the same table has brought about a much more amiable understanding. The Tories, naturally, do not like to see the trend of affairs, and the Tory press in Eastern Canada still indulges in jibes and jeers. After a very harmonious meeting the other day, the Montreal papers published a report that friction had developed between the government and

THE ADVENTURES OF DICKY DARE

WHAT would you say if someone came running up to you, nearly dead with fright, and whispered, hoarsely, "There's a lion running round here, loose?" It would make you look pretty green around the gills, wouldn't it? The worst of it is Dicky Dare has left his rifle in the tent, and as the lion is snooping round there he can't get at it.

BUT Dicky doesn't lose his nerve. He crawled through the bush till he could see where the lion was and what he was doing. It so happened that Bimbo had been making mulligan for dinner. He put all the meat and things in a pot and stood it before the fire already to light. The smell of the stew took the lion's fancy, and he was scoffing it up at a great rate.

DICKY hit upon the happy idea of lighting the fire with his magnifying glass. The summer sun shone sizzling hot, and it wasn't long before the shavings began to smoulder. Mr. Lion was so tickled with his meal that he wasn't paying any attention to what was going on behind him. You can see his tail curling with delight as the stew in the pot gets lower.



PRETTY soon the fire broke out into a merry blaze. The little twigs began to crackle and the lion cocked his tawny ear. If that was some hyena sneaking about to get the leavings, he'd make sure there wouldn't be any. As the lion got angry he commenced to lash his tail, and Dicky was scared he would knock the kettle over before it began to steam.

AT last! Bang!! Bimbo had shoved a cork down the spout of the kettle so that if anyone kicked it over by accident, all the water wouldn't be lost. When the steam got up popping hot the cork blew out, and hit the surprised Mr. Lion on the tip of the ear. And then the blinding, scorching, searing steam! He was off with a bound and a shriek!

DICKY Dare and Bimbo jumped out of the bush where they had been hiding and yelled at the retreating lion at the top of their voices, so as to make him thoroughly scared. Stumpy, the dog, who never did like any kind of cats, anyway, is adding his little bit. I guess that lion will bathe his sore back in the creek and won't take any more chances on mulligan.

the Progressives, a state of affairs very far from the truth.

Alberta Coal for Ontario

One of the most successful campaigns carried out by Progressive members has been the one fathered by E. J. Garland, of Bow River, by which Alberta coal is being marketed in Ontario. He has been recently joined in this work by L. H. Jelliff, who is seeking to get the mines on the Canadian Pacific lines opened up. The latest plan provides for the movement of 200,000 tons of Alberta coal to Ontario, where it is in great demand. By this plan the coal is sold in Ontario at a price which includes $7.00 a ton for freight rates. The freight actually paid is $9.00 a ton, the Dominion government putting up the extra $2.00. The rate has already been referred to the Railway Commission, and when it is decided upon the amount paid will be re-adjusted. If the basic cost rate is under $9.00, the government will refund, and the Dominion government will divide any excess over the original $7.00 in three, the provinces of Ontario and Alberta paying one-third each. As Ontario consumes about 3,000,000 tons of anthracite coal each year, the new plan will go far to retaining this market for Canadian coal without the artificial barrier of a tariff.

Tariff Reduction on Autos

The automobile people are much concerned over the prospect of a tariff reduction on cars. There has been considerable lobbying in the capital, but it is felt that sentiment is too strong, and that some reduction will be forthcoming. On the other hand the dealers have been urging the government to refund to them the luxury tax which was collected from them some years ago on cars which had to be sold later without the tax. The amount to reimburse the dealers, inclusive of the interest, they claim is about $1,500,000. The government is said to be sympathetic but—where's the money to come from?

Reduction in taxation generally is believed imminent. The government's revenue for the past 11 months is said to be about $29,000,000 in excess of last year, and even with the loss of revenue from reduced taxation and the increased expenditures, there may still be a margin of relief for a long-suffering taxpayer.

The controversy which repeatedly crops up over the appeal to the Privy Council, has again been fanned into flame by a decision in an Alberta liquor case, which was carried to the Privy Council in the face of direct prohibition, by Section 1,025 of the Criminal Code, forbidding appeals to the Privy Council in criminal cases. Their lordships of London, while refusing this particular appeal, have taken the opportunity to reiterate the fact that while Canada can prohibit her own courts from allowing appeals she cannot prohibit the Privy Council granting leave to appeal. Some stir has arisen over the matter, and the whole question is likely to come up for discussion at the imperial conference which takes place next October.

The Farmers' Market

Office of United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, Man., March 12, 1926.

WHEAT—Foreign news during the week has been of a more constructive nature with reports of smaller offerings from European countries on British markets and some slackening of offerings of South American wheat. This has apparently been the incentive of big buying in this market during the past few days, most of which was credited to influential Chicago concerns. There has no doubt been some export business worked also. British and southern markets have also advanced sharply in sympathy with those of the North American continent. Perhaps the reaction is only natural as after all there appears to be little change in the wheat situation now to what existed when wheat was around $1.40 and previously at $1.60. Winter wheat conditions in the United States are pretty good. The "domestic basis" situation as far as the balance of the 1925 crop is concerned still exists and Canada has nearly the same amount to export as she had a few weeks ago. It is very apparent that overseas buyers are not loading up, their pessimistic reports of closed flour mills still being freely circulated, and it is just possible that they many continue to buy on a hand to mouth basis, taking wheat only as they need it regardless of the matter of price. Cash markets have been fairly steady with very little doing. There is little to be had in the way of cash wheat at these levels, the pools being credited with holding a fairly large percentage of the available wheat.

Coarse grains came to life today when exporters bought a fairly large quantity of oats and barley, apparently against overseas acceptances. The markets were influenced considerably also by the strength in wheat, but any demand there was appeared to be other than speculative which is a good sign. Feed stuffs, however, are fairly plentiful, and these grains are governed considerably by corn values and corn is admittedly cheap in most countries at the moment.

FLAX—There was considerable liquidation in this early in the week. Crushers seemed to be taking losses on previous purchases. It was claimed Argentine flax prices made Canadian flax too high to compete on United States markets. However, when the reaction of the latter part of the week occurred, there was little for sale on a 15-cent advance, and prices appear fairly steady around $2.00.

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	8	9	10	11	12	13	Week Ago	Year Ago
Wheat—								
May	143½	144¾	145⅜	148⅜	150⅜	151⅞	144⅜	176½
July	141¼	142⅞	143⅞	147⅛	149⅞	150¼	142⅞	171⅞
Oct.	129¾	130½	130½	131⅜	133⅛	134	129¾	141⅞
Oats—								
May	45⅜	46	46⅞	46½	47¾	47½	46	52¼
July	46⅞	46⅞	47¼	47⅞	48⅜	48⅞	47	53¼
Oct.	45	45¼	45⅜	45¼	46¼	46⅜	45⅜	52½
Barley—								
May	58¼	59	59¼	60½	61⅜	61⅜	59⅞	84⅜
July	59½	60¼	60⅜	61⅛	62⅜	62½	60⅜	83⅛
Oct.	57⅞	..	..	..	..	..	..	75⅛
Flax—								
May	186	189⅞	193¾	196¼	197½	198½	191	255
July	188¼	190⅜	196	199	200½	200⅜	193½	254½
Oct.	189¾	193½	197½	200	200½	201	194½	239
Rye—								
May	86¾	87½	88¼	89½	90⅛	92	88¼	131
July	87	88	88⅛	90½	92	92⅜	88⅞	128¼
Oct.	84½	85		86½	88	88½	85	117

CASH WHEAT

Mar. 8 to Mar. 13, inclusive.

Mar.	8	9	10	11	12	13	Week Ago	Year Ago
1 N	142¼	144¾	145⅛	148⅜	151½	152⅞	143⅞	175½
2 N	137⅜	139¼	140⅞	143⅛	146	147⅞	138⅜	170¼
3 N	132⅞	134¼	135⅞	138½	140⅜	142¼	133⅞	166
4	125¼	126¼	137⅞	130½	133⅛	134⅞	126¼	156
5	116⅛	117⅞	118⅜	121⅜	124⅛	125⅞	117¼	147
6	103½	104⅞	105⅜	108⅜	112⅞	113⅜	103⅞	135½
Feed	83¼	84⅞	88⅜	88⅞	92⅞	93⅛	83⅜	110½

LIVERPOOL PRICES

Liverpool market closed March 12 as follows: March, 1⅛d higher at 10s 10½d; May, 2⅛d higher at 10s 11⅜d, per 100 lbs. Exchange, Canadian funds, quoted unchanged at $4.85⅝. Worked out in bushels and Canadian currency, Liverpool close was: March, $1.58⅜; May, $1.59⅜.

MINNEAPOLIS CASH PRICES

Spring wheat—No. 1 dark northern, $1.59⅜ to $1.73⅜; No. 1 northern, $1.59⅜ to $1.64⅜; No. 2 dark northern, $1.56⅜ to $1.72⅜; No. 2 northern, $1.55⅜ to $1.62⅜; No. 3 dark northern, $1.50⅜ to $1.69⅜; No. 3 northern, $1.49⅜ to $1.59⅜. Montana, No. 1 dark hard, $1.60⅜ to $1.73⅜; No. 1 hard, $1.60⅜ to $1.62⅜. Minnesota and South Dakota, No. 1 dark hard, $1.57⅜ to $1.60⅜; No. 1 hard, $1.57⅜ to $1.59⅜. No. 1 amber durum, $1.32⅜ to $1.45⅜; No. 1 durum, $1.27⅜ to $1.36⅜; No. 2 amber durum, $1.28⅜ to $1.43⅜; No. 2 durum, $1.26⅜ to $1.34⅜; No. 3 amber durum, $1.25⅜ to $1.40⅜; No. 3 durum, $1.24⅜ to $1.32⅜. Corn, No. 3 yellow, 71c to 73c. Oats, No. 3 white, 36⅜c to 36⅞c. Barley, 62c to 63c; Rye, No. 2, 82⅛c to 85⅛c. Flax $2.27½ to $2.31½

BRITISH BACON MARKET

Canadian baled bacon 104s to 112s (22½c to 24¼c), boxes 100s to 104s (21⅝c to 22½c), American 94s to 98s (20 1-3 to 21¼c). Market slow throughout week but closed steadier. Irish 120s to 140s (26c to 30¼c), small supply. Danish 108s to 116s (23½c to 25½). Danish killings estimated at 58,000 head.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET

There were no Canadian cattle offered at Glasgow this week. The market was steady for other offerings. Scotch prime baby beef selling at 14½c per lb. alive. Choice quality medium weights from 13c to 13½c, and prime heavies from 11c to 11½c. Sales of Irish amounted to 350 head, choice light weights topping at 11½c, good quality at 10½c and plain from 8c to 9c.

Birkenhead sold 1,284 Canadians at 18c to 19½c for steers in sink (dressed weight including offal), from 13c to 15c for cows and from 12c to 14c for bulls. 3,400 Irish ranged from 18c to 20c.

London sales of Canadian dressed sides totalled 250. Fair quality brought 17c and choice up to 18c. Demand continued rather slow.

WINNIPEG LIVESTOCK

United Livestock Growers Limited report as follows for the week ending March 12, 1926.

Receipts this week: Cattle, 4,970; hogs, 7,110; sheep, 45. Last week: Cattle, 4,291; hogs, 6,253; sheep, 1,010.

The hog market continues to have a weak undertone, thick smooths at time of writing selling at $12.60 with a 10 per cent premium over this price for select bacons. Feeder and shop hogs, if of good quality, are making 25c over thick smooth price.

This week there were not sufficient sheep and lambs to really constitute a market. What few good lambs there were brought $12, butcher sheep making from $5.00 to $7.00.

In order to permit the members of the Winnipeg Livestock Exchange to attend the Winter Fat Stock Show and Sale at Brandon, the Winnipeg Livestock Exchange has declared Thursday, March 18, a holiday, and the market will be closed. All stock arriving will, however, receive every care and attention.

Shippers from Saskatchewan and Alberta should bring health certificates covering cattle shipments. This is very important.

The following summary shows the prevailing prices at present:

Choice export steers	$6.75 to $7.00
Prime butcher steers	6.50 to 6.75
Good to choice steers	5.50 to 6.00
Medium to good steers	5.00 to 5.50
Common steers	3.00 to 3.50
Choice feeder steers, fleshy	5.50 to 6.00
Medium feeders	4.50 to 4.75
Common feeder steers	3.50 to 4.25
Good stocker steers	4.75 to 5.25
Medium stockers	3.75 to 4.25
Common stockers	3.50 to 3.75
Choice butcher heifers	6.00 to 6.50
Fair to good heifers	4.50 to 5.50
Medium heifers	3.50 to 4.00
Stock heifers	3.25 to 3.75
Choice butcher cows	4.50 to 5.00
Fair to good cows	3.50 to 4.50
Cutter cows	2.50 to 2.75
Breedy stock cows	2.75 to 3.50
Canner cows	1.50 to 2.50
Choice springers	50.00 to 75.00
Common springers	30.00 to 40.00
Choice light veal calves	8.00 to 10.50
Choice heavy calves	4.50 to 5.00
Common calves	3.00 to 3.50
Heavy bull calves	3.50 to 4.00

Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur
March 8 to March 13, inclusive

Date	OATS 2 CW	3 CW	Ex Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY 3 CW	4 CW	Rej.	Fd.	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	RYE 2 CW
Mar. 8	45	40½	40½	38½	35½	55¼	50⅞	48¼	47¼	182	177½	166	83⅞
9	45½	40⅞	40⅞	38⅞	35½	56⅜	51⅞	49	48	185½	180¼	169⅞	84⅞
10	45¾	41⅞	41⅞	39⅞	36¼	57	52⅜	49½	48½	190	185⅞	173⅞	85⅜
11	46⅞	41½	41½	39½	36½	58	53½	50½	49½	193½	188⅞	176⅞	87
12	47¾	42⅜	42⅜	40½	37⅞	59½	55⅜	52⅜	51⅜	194	189⅞	177½	88⅞
13	48⅛	42⅜	42⅜	40⅜	37½	59⅜	55⅜	52⅜	51⅜	195	190⅜	178½	89½
Week Ago	45½	40⅜	40⅜	38⅜	35½	57	52½	49⅞	48⅞	187	182½	171	85½
Year Ago	50⅞	47½	47⅞	45⅞	40⅜	83½	77½	72⅜	69½	253½	248½	241½	128

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ROSE COMB WHITE LEGHORN COCKERELS, $3.00, two, $5.00. James Currie, Viking, Alta. 9-3

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Minorcas

PURE-BRED ROSE COMB BLACK MINORCA cockerels, prize winners, $3.00 each, two for $5.00. N. Turner, Delisle, Sask. 8-4

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S. C. BLACK MINORCAS, HATCHING EGGS, $1.50, 15; $8.00, 100. R. Briggs, Grenfell, Sask. 11-3

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BUFF ORPINGTON COCKERELS — FROM high egg-producing stock, good size and color, $3.00 each; pullets, $2.00 each. H. E. Forster, Beulah, Man. 10-2

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FOR SALE—THOROUGHBRED BUFF ORPING-ton cockerels, $2.00 each. Andrew Black, Margaret, Man. 10-2

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PURE-BRED BUFF ORPINGTON COCKERELS, $1.50 and $2.00. Sam Stoltz, Eureka Farm, Nokomis, Sask. 11-2

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PURE BARRED ROCK COCKERELS, FROM exhibition and good layers, 20 years' improved breeding, $5.00 and $6.00. Joseph G. Parker, Nobleford, Alta. 8-5

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BARRED ROCK COCKERELS, FROM WINTER laying strain, culled flock, $3.00 each, two for $5.00. Mrs. David Nicholson, Lancer, Sask.

WHITE ROCK COCKERELS, $3.00 EACH, OR two for $5.00. J. F. Cummings, Semans, Sask. 11-2

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BARRED ROCK COCKERELS, GOOD BIRDS, $3.00 each. Mrs. F. Wood, Wainwright, Alta.

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ROSE COMB RHODE ISLAND RED COCK-erels, laying strain, $2.50 each. Wm. Brown, Deloraine, Man.

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FEILBERG FAMOUS WHITE HOLLAND TUR-key gobblers, $6.00; hens, $5.00. D. N. Feilberg, Nokomis, Sask. 9-4

MAMMOTH TOULOUSE GEESE, $4.00; GAN-ders, $5.00; pure-bred stock. John Rodger, Macdonald, Man. 7-5

EMBDEN GANDERS, PURE, BEAUTIES, 21½ to 23½ pounds, $8.00; geese, 19 to 20 pounds, $6.00. R. W. Dowse, RR. Box 312, Winnipeg. 8-3

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SELLING—ROSE COMB WHITE WYANDOTTE hatching eggs, heavy winter layers. Used Martin's high-record males last year. This year B.C. pedigreed males, eggs, $3.00, 30; $8.00, 100. W. H. Tebb, Airdrie, Alta. 9-5

PURE-BRED WHITE WYANDOTTE COCK-erels, from Government Inspected flock, heavy-laying strains, $2.50 each; some specials, $4.00. James Alexander, Goodwater, Sask. 8-4

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By J. Edw. Tufft

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Quack Grass Eradication

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this precaution. At certain stages of dampness or dryness, the quack roots have a tendency to stick near the point of the rake teeth and if the driver collects too heavy a load to haul to a distant windrow the rake will drag dirt, something that must positively be avoided. Dirt in the windrows means an incomplete burn and the whole purpose of the work is thereby defeated.

If it should rain while the quack is lying loose on the ground or in the windrow, it should be harrowed as soon as it is fairly dry. This loosens it up again and helps it to dry thoroughly, for it is only in that condition that it will burn satisfactorily. Once in the windrows and dry, one man with a pitchfork and a box of matches can burn as much as 50 acres of the thickest quack.

The Critical Decision

This completes the first time over and also marks the time when many men will have a strong inclination to let up a little, and perhaps have a rest. This is where a big mistake can be made. This is the point where one risks all that has been gained. Now that success is in sight, go right in and win! Let endeavor keep on the heel of accomplishment. Remember that with quack grass eradication, it is the ability to stick that wins.

If the cultivator fitted with quack points will work in the ground that has been newly burned over, that is the implement to use. Otherwise it will be necessary to plow again, after which, go through the whole process again—cultivate, harrow, rake and burn, leaving out the discing which will not be needed.

In time the stage will be reached when the cultivator can be used without the previous use of the plow. Keep it working! When practical, change to a wider set of teeth until the wide duck-foot set is on. These teeth will keep the ground black and if the quack is not allowed to grow, or show green, the chances are that it will not give much trouble in the following spring.

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